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School Council improvement plan updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Middle School Principal Jeanette Quirk and High School Principal Ryan Gendron presented updates at the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night about each school's School Council improvement plan.

Quirk began by sharing the goals of the middle school improvement plan: to develop a schedule to promote student growth and success, to implement a school-wide tier 1 social-emotional support and development program, and to engage families in multiple meaningful ways to bridge home and school partnerships.

The purpose statement that was created included developing support for every student, making time for teachers to collaborate and plan challenging and engaging lessons, engaging the community to create a well-rounded experience, and letting students and their voices drive the improvement work. Quirk then mentioned the parents and staff members of the School Advisory Council by name.

For the first goal, they would continue the school schedule review, continually improve the advisory program, institute a quar-

terly newsletter on courses, review additional course offerings, and provide time and resources for cross-disciplinary projects. The social-emotional support and development program would be created by developing core values and the vision of the high school student along with teaching the MARC anti-bullying program and strengthening vertical alignment between the high school and middle school.

Lastly, to help with engaging families, they would build on traditions, create a communication plan, and work to encourage the relationships with families and community members.

School Committee Member M. J. Byrnes asked if

they would continue 8th grade field trips. Quirk said in her response that they would need to make sure any event is not only affordable for equity's sake but also something in which the majority of students would be interested.

Melissa Plowman wondered how teachers felt about the advisory block and the focus on social-emotional learning so far. Quirk mentioned that they hadn't surveyed students yet, but she saw teachers take on the objectives and incorporate connection well. It was also stated that

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Overall enrollment numbers show a decline

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand discussed enrollment and the strategic plan, among other items, in his report for the School Committee last Wednesday night. Regarding the strategic plan, Brand simply mentioned that the updates pertained to the timeline and status.

The enrollment report as of Oct. 1 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education totaled 2,786 students in the district this year. Brand assured the community that this follows a known trend of overall decline in enrollment.

This downward trend reflected a change in 15 students from last year and a significant number of students lost between 8th and 9th grade. Compared to a rate of 52 percent retention of 8th graders last year, this year the rate was 61 percent.

"We've historically seen a large number of students leave the district to pursue educational opportunities

elsewhere," he continued. Brand also called out the fact that there was an enrollment increase this year by 66 students at the elementary level.

He included comparison numbers for Billerica and Tewksbury for the committee to show that Wilmington's enrollment numbers are not too different, and that enrollment decline is happening across the commonwealth.

School Committee member Stephen Turner referred to numbers showing that fewer students left the district between 8th and 9th grade this year, since last year they had 120 students leave and this year 100 left. This, he concluded, must be a result of effort during the previous school year to invite students and parents into the high school, and he noted that these things are continuing.

Brand said that the best way to keep students will be to ensure the program of studies is current and reflective of a wide breath of experience. He agreed that outreach opportunities will also help.

"There's no issue of retaining students when they're here in the high school," he continued.

Melissa Plowman also named effort at the middle school from the AMLE consultation and full pro-

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▲ Joseph McCarthy was honored by a Wisconsin-based company, Cheese Brothers, in celebration of Veterans Day.

Say cheese!

WWII vet honored with year's supply of fine cheeses

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Recently, local war hero Joseph McCarthy was honored by a Wisconsin-based company, Cheese Brothers, in celebration of Veterans Day.

Longtime Wilmington resident Joseph McCarthy, 101, answered the call to duty in 1944 to fight the Nazis in Europe. He participated in several battles as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed abroad until the Germans surrendered at the end of WWII and he returned back to New England.

McCarthy continues to live in his Wilmington

home that he shared with his wife of 68 years. Before her passing, McCarthy cared for his ailing wife day and night, without a complaint, stating that she had always taken care of him, and it was his turn to do the same for her.

Today, McCarthy is surrounded by his loving family of three children, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

In honor of Veterans Day, Wisconsin-based cheese company Cheese Brothers founders Gene Graf and Eric Ludy decided to celebrate a deserving war veteran with a year's supply of fine cheeses.

McCarthy's family heard of the honor, and McCar-

thy was nominated by his granddaughter.

McCarthy's outstanding military service record caught the eye of Graf and Ludy, who were compelled not only to bestow the year's supply of cheese to McCarthy, but to travel to Massachusetts to present the honor in person.

"We couldn't resist getting the chance to meet an actual World War II veteran, shake his hand and thank him for his incredible service to our country," said Cheese Brother co-founder Ludy. "Our veterans are heroes and it is humbling to be able to do our small part to make sure they are celebrated on Veterans Day."

Upon hearing of the

honor and receiving his first shipment of cheese personally delivered by Graf and Ludy, McCarthy was grateful yet modest.

"This doesn't happen every day," McCarthy said. "It's nice to have a special day."

McCarthy's legacy of doing for his fellow countrymen will continue to live on as Cheese Brothers also donated 15 percent of their Veterans Day sales to a charity of McCarthy's choice, the Burlington-based Disabled and Limbless Veterans Inc. organization, which provides meals, clothing and shelter to America's most needy veterans and their families.

Middle school schedule review updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During the School Committee meeting on Nov. 9, a presentation was provided giving updates on the middle school schedule review. The presentation was a combined effort from WMS Principal Jeanette Quirk and Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott.

The goals for the review included gaining a

greater understanding of best practices for middle school students and young adolescents and reviewing the school's vision, mission, and benefits.

The data shared from the review found that the school's tier 1 instruction isn't meeting 80 percent of students' needs in English/Language Arts, there are opportunity gaps when students are pulled for intervention, grades don't match standardized performance measures,

and the 8th grade has the highest absence rate and lowest sense of belonging in the Panorama data.

The root causes they found were that the middle school program and schedule lack standard curriculum for ELA and structure for intervention opportunities, and that the tier 1 instruction needs improvement.

Their identified ideal schedule would have time for intervention out-

side of class time and student advisory. They'd also like to complete a deep dive to make sure that instruction is at the level necessary to meet their standards and provide professional development on pedagogy and differentiation to embed social-emotional learning into the classroom. Priorities for scheduling will be increased student advisory, intervention

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Middle school, high school and elementary updates

By LIZZY HILL
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WILMINGTON — At the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night, the committee received updates from their middle and high school student representatives and the northside elementary Parents Advisory Council.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand announced this year's winner of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents'

Academic Excellence Award: Wilmington High School Senior Mallory Brown.

Brand listed Brown's qualifying achievements as a top student in her class, captain of the cross-country team, mentor, and leader. He also shared that she's going to be studying Neuroscience and researching autism in college.

The two middle school representatives shared ongoing activity at the middle school including Spirit Week, the 6th grade

dance, after school sports,

homework club, and parent conferences. Club events have included door decorating for Student Council, the WMS Drama Club production of Elf, and the World Language Club celebrating Mexican culture.

Next, two high school representatives mentioned some recent high school events including Spirit Week, the homecoming football game and dance, a clothing swap, 8th grade Parents'

Night, and various club field trips.

In sports news, they named various senior nights for teams along with league playoffs, featuring the girl's cheerleading team as Middlesex League champions. A focus for seniors in classrooms has been seminars from the school counseling department on submitting college applications.

The Northside Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

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Wilmington Library News:

Thanksgiving pie crust demonstration on Monday, Nov. 21

The library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Book Store Next Door will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Adult Programs

INDOOR

Pie Crust Demonstration with Lisa
Monday, Nov. 21, 2:30 p.m.
Circulation Librarian Lisa Crispin will demonstrate how to create the

perfect pie crust for your Thanksgiving desserts!

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help
Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL
Creative Writing
Skills Group

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their

creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Youth Programs

**INDOOR
Game On!**
Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+

Reading Rivals

The reading competition of the year is BACK! Join us as we defend our trophy against Tewksbury for the second annual Read-

ing Rivals competition. The rules are simple — whichever library logs the most minutes wins. Books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and graphic novels all count! Register and log on the Beanstack app. Paper logs available at the library and online.

Friends of the Library
Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the library will be accepting jewelry donations beginning Tuesday, November 1st. The next jewelry sale is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2023.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person
Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual
Programming

The library continues to

offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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Open Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2.

The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

School staff informed to look at data and how to apply it

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time, additional time for ELA and reading, and time for educators to meet together.

School Committee member M. J. Byrnes asked how the lessons about schoolwide expectations are supported outside of advisory block. Quirk replied that they may be reinforced at assemblies, in the cafeteria, or through virtual PAWS recognizing students for good behavior.

Melissa Plowman asked if they would be looking at the offerings of other districts and gauging what courses Wilmington students and families might

be interested in.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand assured the community that updating the schedule is normal, but it doesn't mean that they're starting fresh every time or getting rid of procedures that work.

Jay Samaha mentioned he was glad to see the priority of interventions that don't pull students from class. He also shared that in his experience, he finds frequent meeting time for teachers to be transformative. Quirk noted that while there is time for teachers to plan together now, it's not consistent across all teachers and departments.

David Ragsdale pointed out the lunch flexibility

that was created during the time of increased social distancing at lunch time provided an opportunity to create an extra period. Quirk referred to this as a "COVID bonus."

Ragsdale also proposed that they should examine what would cause differences between MCAS scores and grading. Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson suggested that grading could be a reason for the district's retention issues.

Elliott mentioned other data that they already gathered might be more accurate than their MCAS data regarding students meeting standards. She said they would be hypothesizing whether a curricu-

lum map for each grade and course would help with consistency and alignment.

Plowman asked about the accuracy of the i-Ready data. Elliott replied saying that they were using it for ELA and piloting it for math classes.

With ELA, she described that they use the data to look for trends across all students to see which topics in the curriculum need to be retaught or introduced in advance.

"It's exciting because we have tools, data, and information creating the opportunity for teachers to have conversations and adjusting schedules so that all of this can be

meaningful and purposeful," she said.

Quirk added that all of the middle school staff has been informed to look at the data and understand how to apply it in their classrooms.

Plowman also wondered whether extra reading time would also encompass writing time. Elliott responded saying that it would need to. She mentioned that ELA is writing and reading together, and that younger students in remote learning would have lost crucial writing time.

Ragsdale pointed out that the higher focus on relationships at the eighth-grade level is because of

the increased need for social aspects and community ahead of a major transition.

Bryson lastly wanted to know if they would be thinking about school start times at the same time so that they can accommodate any necessary changes from that work. Brand said that the start time shift can happen regardless of the schedule, as the length of the school day will remain the same.

Quirk mentioned that their next steps would include an update at the committee's next meeting with a finalized schedule to be brought in December.

Wishes for a Happy Diwali!



▲ ▪ A Diwali event was organized and hosted at the Wilmington Methodist Church where it has been held for the past six years. The event was a great success again this year. They had ~90 attendees. Mouli Pal and Dipa Gandhi started organizing and hosting this event in 2016 as a way of bringing the Indian community in Wilmington together and to increase awareness in general. They ended up calling their organization Friends of India Wilmington.

(Courtesy photos)



Festival of Trees returns for 12th year

WILMINGTON — We're One Wilmington (WOW) Festival of Trees is back for its 12th year. And they are thrilled to be back to their original in-person-only format. You heard that right: the ticket buckets are back!

For this year only, they will have a new home at the Lower Hall of St. Dorothy Church, 11 Hadden St. The entrance will be through the side door of the church (if looking from the street, it is on the right side). The Lower Hall is also handicap accessible by elevator.

Doors open on Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please note that hours are planned around the mass schedule, so please do not enter the church before the adver-

tised start times.

Santa will visit the Festival of Trees on Friday evening between 5 - 9 p.m. for the very first time. We can't think of a better setting for visitors to snap their photos with Santa! There is no, but donations are welcome and appreciated.

There will also be a bake sale and entertainment all weekend.

Seeking Donations
Beautiful holiday trees, wreaths, and basket raffles, known around the area for their beauty and creativity and spectacular prizes, are all made possible through their donors! Wilmington has never let them down, and they are sure this year will be no different. It takes about 100 donations to fill the hall. Can you help us out?

No donation is too small.

Consider putting something together with your family, neighbors, friends, a club or sports team, or from your business or organization. The possibilities are limitless; get creative! All donations are tax-deductible, and monies raised will be used to fund our holiday gift program and other goodwill initiatives.

They will award ribbons to donations in the following categories: Best Use of Theme, Best Mini/Tabletop Tree, Best Wreath, Most Creative/Unique Tree, Best Alternative Tree, Fan Favorite, and Best in Show.

Donations must be registered in advance by Friday, Nov. 25, 2022. Register online at [https://onewilmington.org/home/festival-of-trees/](http://onewilmington.org/home/festival-of-trees/) or by emailing Becky McGrath

at mcgrathbecky@gmail.com.

Set up or drop-off of donations will take place Nov. 29 and 30 at St. Dorothy Church, Lower Hall.

Volunteer Opportunities

This event is only possible with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping, especially during Saturday afternoon and evening, our busiest time. Volunteering is a fun way for high school students to finish their community service hours.

Those interested can find the volunteer sign-up sheet on the website at <https://onewilmington.org/volunteer/>.

Please direct any questions about this event to Becky McGrath, We're One Wilmington Festival of Trees Director, mcgrathbecky@gmail.com.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

Are you a bibliophile or bibliophil?

Do you love books, reading, learning about authors and the writing process? Maybe you'd like a list of great books to read with recommendations from experts? If this sounds like you or could be you, check out these wonderful programs created by WCTV members and staff!

"Book Stew" — hosted by WCTV member, Eileen MacDougall.

Eileen has produced over 100 television episodes that profile all kinds of books and authors. During each show, Eileen introduces

you to an author and dishes out a hearty portion of fun and informative banter. She even gives you a taste of their style as they read a passage from their featured work.

To view "Book Stew" go to: WCTV.org. Click the "Video on Demand" tab, then scroll down to find "Book Stew" episodes.

"Double Booked" — hosted by Wilmington Library staff members, Erin Driscoll (Adult Services Librarian) and Danielle Masterson (Assistant Director).

On this podcast, Erin and Danielle share their favorite books and authors and give you their take on character development, plot and story line. They also compile extensive and

thoughtful lists of good reads! To listen to "Double Booked" go to: WCTV.org.

Click the "Production Services" tab, then "podcasts." Scroll down to find "Double Booked" episodes.

"Wilmington Writes" — hosted by Lisa Kapala (WCTV staff).

On this podcast, Lisa talks with Wilmington writers who read their work and share their creative process as well as what motivates them to write. Poems, essays and short stories are featured.

To listen to "Wilmington Writes" go to: WCTV.org. Click the "Production Services" tab, then "podcasts." Scroll down to find "Wilmington Writes" episodes. To become a guest writer, con-

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by Todd Brisbois

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To determine if their benefits are taxable, taxpayers should take half of the Social Security money they collected during the year and add it to their other income. Other income includes pensions, wages, interest, dividends and capital gains.

If they are single and that total comes to more than \$25,000, then part of their Social Security benefits may be taxable. If they are married filing jointly, they should take half of their Social Security, plus half of their spouse's Social Security, and add that to all their combined income. If that total is more than \$32,000, then part of their Social Security may be taxable.

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- Married filing separately and lived apart from their spouse for all of 2022 with \$25,000 to \$34,000 income.

- Married filing jointly with \$32,000 to \$44,000 income.

Up to 85% of a taxpayer's benefits

may be taxable if they are:

- Filing single, head of household or qualifying widow or widower with more than \$34,000 income.

- Married filing jointly with more than \$44,000 income.

- Married filing separately and lived apart from their spouse for all of 2022 with more than \$34,000 income.

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History:

Neilson one of earliest to use Polaroid photo in paper

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Capt. Larz Neilson used to go into the North Wilmington Pharmacy and get a five-pack and a six-pack. No, it wasn't beer. The five-pack was cigars.

The six-pack was black & white Polaroid film. Larz was one of the earliest newspapermen to use a Polaroid photo in a newspaper. Even before he started the *Town Crier*, Larz had a Polaroid camera. He first used a Polaroid photo in the *Wilmington Crusader* in May 1953. He published the first issue of the *Town Crier* on Nov. 17, 1955.

The Polaroid camera, invented by Edwin Land, was introduced in the late 1940s. It could produce a photo in just one minute with no darkroom. The processing took place inside the camera.

How did a cigar-puffing newspaperman in Wilmington get one of the new-fangled Polaroid cameras? The connection seems to

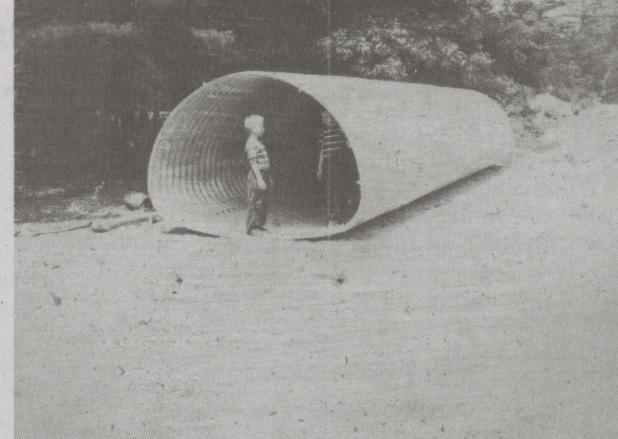
have been made by Dudley Buck, then a researcher at MIT. His sister was the personal secretary to Edwin Land at Polaroid, then headquartered in Cambridge. There was probably no purchase, just an agreement to give a credit line. Thus, early Polaroid photos published in the *Crusader* would say, Polaroid one-minute photo.

The camera had nothing to do with polarity of light. Land had established Polaroid Corporation in 1937, 10 years before he invented the camera.

On May 27, 1953, the *Crusader* published three Polaroid snapshots of a camporee at Camp 40 Acres in North Wilmington. The front-page picture did not have a Polaroid credit line, but one of two photos on page four did.

The following week, there were several.

The best part of black & white Polaroid photos is their durability, longevity. I have a photo that was published in the *Crusader* on June 25, 1953, and the original photo is in good condition. The photo is of me, age seven, standing inside a large culvert that was to be installed under Adams Street, near the high school. My presence was only to show the size of the culvert — my very first assignment in journalism.



▲ One of the first Polaroid photos published in the *Wilmington Crusader* shows seven-year-old Larz F. Neilson standing inside a culvert, with his brother Peter peeking out on the right. It was taken on Adams Street in Wilmington in June 1953.

The Polaroid film was exceptional, while the cameras were cheap. You could call the camera a marketing device for the expensive film. The black & white Polaroid photos survived very well, if they were properly coated. Every package of Polaroid film had a swab with which each photo was to be coated.

That coating was critically important. Without it, a photo could be scratched, and it would soon fade. Sometimes Larz would coat several photos in his '49 Ford, before driving back to the office. They would be laid out to dry on the floor of the car, on top of the spare tire, newspapers and assorted junk.

On the sidelines of Wilmington football games, Larz would face a weekly dexterity test, trying to catch a good action shot while managing a Polaroid camera. He'd have the camera in one hand and a notebook in the other. Once he'd taken the picture, he had to pull it out of the camera, wait a minute and peel it from the negative. He'd put the pictures in one pocket and the negative scraps in another. And then, if he could catch a spare moment, he'd relight his cigar.

Today, there are thousands of well-coated Polaroid photos in the *Town Crier* collection. Even if the

composition, focus or exposure was poor, the Polaroid coating has preserved the image for several decades. Some have identification, others not. Larz went through several Polaroid cameras over the years.

The Polaroid 3000 film enabled Larz to take photos in settings where other photographers would need a flash.

In reproducing the Polaroid pictures in the *Town Crier*, Larz would calculate the enlargement on a slide-rule. The printer would charge for extra shots, so Larz developed a standard enlargement calculation. Most pictures would go through marked +62, with several pictures "ganged" together in one shot.

Edwin Land died in 1991. 10 years later, the corporation filed for bankruptcy. There have been auctions and takeovers since then and the name Polaroid is still out there. But most of the products have nothing to do with the original product line.



Letter to the editor

Another successful Applefest fundraiser

To the Tewksbury community,

When the Tewksbury Memorial High School PAC opened the doors on

Oct. 29 for the 34th annual Applefest craft fair fundraiser it was evident from the 149 crafters present that this past year was

spent sewing, knitting, gluing, cutting, stamping, painting, canning, baking, and creating whatever came to mind.

No time went to waste if you were a crafter! To make an event this size so successful it takes help from local and surrounding establishments. The TMHS PAC would like to thank Donna's Donuts, Hannaford, Market Basket, Meadowlands, Perfecto's, Pizza Mia, Tewksbury Food Service, and The Pushcart for their support in making the

return of Applefest so successful.

Behind the scenes were many hands lending support to Applefest and if you volunteered your time, helped with taping off crafter spots, helped crafters move in/out, served food in the cafeteria, spent time at the raffle table, directed traffic or even

donated drinks please note that your generosity did not go unnoticed.

It is true that it takes a village and the Tewksbury community did not let us down. To all those that came out to shop with the vendors, thank you for supporting small businesses.

The money raised by

Applefest will fund the safe post-graduation All Night Long event, faculty and extracurricular grants, student enrichment programming, and scholarships. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023!

Thank you,
TMHS PAC



▲ Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts president Jill Malcolm and Wilmington floral designer Kathy Leva at the Tewksbury Garden Club annual gala. Leva created stunning floral arrangements during the evening which were raffled off to guests at the event.

(Paige Impink photo)

Garden Club kicks off the holiday season

By PAIGE IMPINK

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TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Garden Club kicked off the holiday season with its annual gala. This is the first time the event has been held in person since the pandemic, and will be the final time located at the Tewksbury Country Club as the property has been sold to Tree House Brewing.

Wilmington floral designer Kathy Leva created stunning floral arrangements and explained recommended arranging techniques to the audience. Leva works part time for the Wilmington public schools as a substitute teacher, and is a floral designer for Mahoney's Garden Centers.

Leva is an active adviser to 25 garden clubs, runs seasonal workshops, and is an accredited flower show judge.

Leva explained that creating an arrangement need not be stressful, nor expensive.

"Use foliage from your yard," Leva encouraged. "Watch shrubs like hydrangeas, and when the blossoms die back, observe the leaves, which can be perfect for your arrangement."

Leva demonstrated arranging in both vases and in other shaped containers.

"Don't create a tall ar-

rangement for your table," Leva said, "people need to see each other and converse."

Leva emphasized fresh cutting stems at a 45 degree angle to create the maximum surface area for water to be absorbed.

"Even if you just got the flowers or greens, cut them at a 45 degree angle and put them right into water," Leva said.

She stressed the importance of sharp and clean scissors for the cutting, and not to use the scissors for any other purpose.

During the floral demonstration, Leva encouraged the audience to use recycled materials as creative containers and suggested liners to prevent water leakage and damage to furniture.

"Always fill just a little with a small watering can, never the faucet, and do it on the counter with a towel to be sure it doesn't spill," said Leva.

She likes using flowers that last a long time such as roses, carnations, and proteus. Some flowers are very hard to come by right now, even carnations, and Leva had to drive a distance to obtain some for the show.

She suggested adding greens first to a container and then accent with a few flowers, a bow, and an embellishment such as a turkey on a stick.

"People love the little 'surprise' in an arrangement," Leva said.

Leva used oasis is a few arrangements, as well as submersible lights.

She also suggested that if a loved one is in a care facility, consider taking a silk arrangement that doesn't need water, since it is not always guaranteed that staff can take care of plants or flowers.

The Tewksbury Garden club is celebrating its 53rd year. Member Debbie Adams joined because her mother, Pat Takach, has been involved almost from the beginning.

"I great up in Tewksbury and really like learning more about how to take care of plants and flowers," said Adams.

She enjoys the many guest presenters that the garden club hosts, and participates in the plant sale, among other events.

New member Sara Cohen said, "I've lived in town for 20 years and love what the garden club does for the many properties in town."

Cohen is looking forward to learning more about plants, invasive species, edible landscapes, bees, and other topics that the club discusses. To learn more about the garden club, or become a member, the group's email address is tewksburygardenclub@gmail.com.

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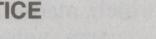
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To access a copy of the CIP, please visit EPA's website at:

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Comments can be submitted in writing by email or mail.

Comments by regular mail

Charlotte Gray
5 Post Office Square, ORA-01

Boston, MA 02109

Comments by email

gray.charlotte@epa.gov

For more information, please contact Charlotte Gray, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, or visit EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/supfund/olin

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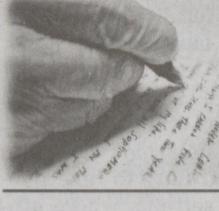
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Two important capital projects up for vote

Greetings members of the Wilmington community,

As you are perhaps aware, there are two important capital projects before our community that are under consideration:

- Construction of a new Senior Center building at the St. Dorothy's site to replace the Buzzell Center, and

- Construction of a new joint Town Hall-School Administration building on the former Swain School site at the rear of the parking lot

Residents approved funds to identify building locations and to prepare schematic designs for both projects at the annual Town Meeting in June of 2020. Now residents will be asked to consider supporting funds for final design and construction of both buildings at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. at Wilmington High School. These projects are proposed to be funded through use of financial resources and borrowing and will not impact resi-

dential taxes.

In addition to the above two capital projects, the town is also at the beginning stages of evaluating options for replacement of the Wildwood School in partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Funds for the design and development phase of this project were secured through a special Town Meeting in March of 2022 and efforts are proceeding with this important project for our school district.

We believe that it is important to understand two points in regards to the above projects:

1. All three (3) of the above projects were identified as part of the Town of Wilmington's facilities master plan that was finalized in January of 2018.

2. A vote in support of the senior center and town hall-school administration buildings will not interfere with or prohibit the ability to fund a future school building project.

Regards,
Town Manager Jeff Hull
Supt. Glen Brand

Sen. Finegold grateful to continue serving community

To the editor,

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve the Merrimack Valley in the State Senate. Thank you to everyone who came out and made your voices heard.

In the months ahead, I look forward to partnering with all of you to make our community an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. I promise that you will always have an open door to express your viewpoints, and no issue is too small to bring to my attention. My staff and I are here to help you.

Together, I hope we can build on the progress we've already made. Earlier this year, I was particularly proud of our work to pass the VOTES Act, which made vote-by-mail permanent and expanded early voting windows. While we still have more work to do to reduce barriers to voter participation, it was encouraging that almost half of all Massachusetts voters took advantage of the new voting options this election.

Sincerely,
State Senator
Barry Finegold

Kane family thanks Nichols Funeral Home

To the editor,

On behalf of the entire Kane family, we wish to thank Kelly Nadeau, Joseph Cavanaugh, Margaret McKenna and the entire staff at Nichols Funeral Home for their assistance in arrangements for our mother,

Eleanor "Ellie" Kane. Kelly took great care during this difficult time, and we appreciate the support and guidance provided.

Many thanks,
The family of Ellie Kane

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Finance Committee recommends favorable action on articles to create new senior center, town hall

To the voters of the Town of Wilmington,

The upcoming special Town Meeting, on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m., will be considering three warrant articles approved by the Select Board.

At the 2020 annual Town Meeting voters approved under Articles 14 and 15, the appropriation of funds to complete feasibility studies and schematic designs as follows:

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to complete a Feasibility Study and Schematic Design and to hire an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for replacement of the Buzzell Senior Center and that the Owner's Project Manager shall provide the Town with regular updates on the status of the project; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to complete a Feasibility Study and Schematic Design and to hire an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for construction of a Town Hall/School Administration Building; or take any other action related thereto.

Committees were created for each project to hire an Owner's Project Manager, complete the feasibility study, and obtain schematic designs. Each committee has held 27 public meetings, several public informational meetings and provided informational newsletters included with the water bills showing the designs for each building.

On Oct. 18, 2022 the Finance Committee held a public hearing on the three warrant articles approved by the Select Board.

Article 1 is a presentation of the proposed projects and is for informational purposes.

The Committee voted to take no action as this article seeks to provide information about the two projects.

Article 2 is for the proposed Senior Center which would be funded by the Capital Stabilization Fund and bonding.

The Committee voted in the affirmative to recommend approval of this article.

Article 3 is for the proposed Town Hall/School Administration Building which would be funded by available funds, Free Cash and bonding.

The Committee voted in the affirmative to recom-

mend approval of this Article.

The bonding debt would be repaid from the town's normal annual budget. These projects would have no effect on the individual or business property taxes.

The consensus of the Finance Committee in their decision to approve both projects was that the conditions of the buildings housing the current Senior Center, Town Hall, and the four sites that the School Department uses for school administration is not sustainable. Having staff working in the Roman House, the Arts Council Center and the High School and the West Intermediate School is not workable long-term.

TOWN HALL
YEAR BUILT: 1958
LOCATION: 121 Glen Road
BUILDING AREA: 20,000 GSF

The Town Hall is located on a former school site, in a circular shaped building originally designed as an elementary school. It was relocated to this site in 1984 as a temporary location after it moved out of the 2,700 square foot building known as the Arts Center.

The Town Hall is not sufficient in size to accommodate current needs of the 10 departments it houses, based on an evaluation of space use for the constituent departments and for anticipated needs.

To meet these needs, the Town Hall would require approximately 9,800 additional gross square feet (GSF) of area. Because the town is expected to experience modest growth over the next two decades, it would be prudent to account for an additional five percent of floor area, resulting in a total projected program need for about 31,300 gross square feet.

The building has original single pane steel framed inefficient windows.

As separately documented, the School Administration staff and functions, if relocated within an expanded or new Town Hall/School Administration building, would require approximately 10,900 gross square feet.

Most of the building systems in Town Hall are original and are well past their intended useful life. This includes the oil-fired heating system located within the machine room, the plumbing system, and electrical system. The only exception is a newer ductless split system in Room 9, the Select Board's meeting room.

The Town Hall equipment

Lodge of Elks thanks local merchants for donations

Dear editor,

The Tewksbury-Wilmington Lodge of Elks would like to thank all of the following local merchants for their generous donations of gifts, cash, gift certificates, and merchandise that allowed us to give away over 100 gifts to the senior citizens of both the Tewksbury and Wilmington, Oakdale Liquors, Pizzanos Pizza of Wilmington, Saloon 1475, Sammy J's, Schlott Tire, Simard Roast Beef, Tewksbury Cemetery, Tewksbury Funeral Home, TJ's Barber, TJ Callahan's, Triton Car Wash, Valley Monument of Methuen, and Wilmington House of Pizza.

We would also like the community to take note and support our local merchants who supported this important event.

Hampshire, Heavnly Donuts of Wilmington, Home Depot Tewksbury, Hunan Wok of Tewksbury, Luna Rossa, Luz Granite of Lowell, Market Basket, Tewksbury, Ray Metcalf Foundation, Nichols Funeral Home, Ninety Nine Tewksbury and Wilmington,

Oakdale Liquors, Pizzanos Pizza of Wilmington, Saloon 1475, Sammy J's, Schlott Tire, Simard Roast Beef, Tewksbury Cemetery, Tewksbury Funeral Home, TJ's Barber, TJ Callahan's, Triton Car Wash, Valley Monument of Methuen, and Wilmington House of Pizza.

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Thank you on behalf of

Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge of Elks No. 7020,

George Kear,

Secretary

Town Crier

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closets and wall hung or

countertop lavatories.

There is no sewage or septic system connected to the building. Instead, it relies on a tight tank for sewage which needs to be pumped frequently.

The building does not contain an automatic sprinkler system.

SENIOR CENTER

LOCATION: 15 School Street

YEAR BUILT: 1935

BUILDING AREA: 8,308 SF

The Buzzell Senior Center Building was constructed in 1935 and is located within a former school building. Currently the facility use is limited due to space constraints. The facility offers many programs that are especially difficult to accommodate.

Parking is also limited especially during special functions. Based upon current and projected needs the proposed senior center will be a 18,800 square foot facility with approximately 84 parking spaces.

Wilmington's senior population (defined as age 60 and over) has increased steadily based upon U.S. Census information. In 2000 there were 3,136 seniors living in Wilmington. The number of seniors increased to 4,045 in 2010 and the 2020 census counts residents age 60 and older at 6,014.

The projected senior population in 2030 is 7,979. Wilmington's senior population has increased by over 91 percent since 2000 with continue growth predicted.

The building has limited access throughout which includes the basement workshop and the attic for storage. Due to minimal storage in the building an outside shed is required.

Electrical service, HVAC, and plumbing systems are in fair condition having exceeded their maximum serviceable life.

The steam boiler has been replaced. It provides low pressure steam heat fueled by #2 oil throughout the building to heating units that are original to the building. The electrical service is rated at 200-amp, 120/240 volt, 1 phase, 3 wire and is located in the basement.

Existing fire alarm system consists of a control panel, with ADA compliant horn/strobes, heat detectors and pull stations. The building does not contain an automatic sprinkler system.

Any additions or renovations that are valued 30 percent or higher than the assessed value will trigger significant building code upgrades including accessibility and fire suppression.

Please take this information into consideration when you cast your vote at the Special Town Meeting.

Respectfully,
John F. Doherty, Chair

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OBITUARIES

Paul J. Legere

Services this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Paul J. Legere, age 55, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly at home on Oct. 22, 2022.

Paul was the devoted father of Jordan A. Legere and Kaitlyn H. Legere both of Wilmington, cherished son of the late Joseph Legere and Bernadette Ann (Poirier) Legere, dear brother of Gisele Fernandez and her husband David of Seattle, WA.

Paul was also very special to his good friend John. Family and friends will

gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Pine Haven Cemetery, Burlington.

Memorial donations in Paul's name may be made to the Spaulding Rehabilitation Center, 300 1st Avenue, Charlestown, MA 02129.

www.nicholsfuneral-home.com



Ann Marie (Kenyon) Marden

Services set for Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Ann Marie (Kenyon) Marden, age 58, of Marlborough, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Nov. 11, 2022.

Ann Marie was the beloved wife of Kevin F. Marden, devoted mother of Matthew Marden and his wife Elissa of Marlborough and Ann Marie Wilkins and her husband Barry of Wilmington, loving "Grandmommy" of Lucas K. Marden, cherished daughter of Agnes (Ducharme) Kenyon and the late Arthur Kenyon of Marlborough, dear sister of Arthur Kenyon and his wife Maureen, Cheryl Kenyon, Linda Kenyon, Michael Kenyon and his wife Mary

Ann, Jimmy Kenyon, Danny Kenyon, Patrick Kenyon, Steven Kenyon and his wife Robin, and Catherine Kenyon.

Ann Marie is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 2:30 p.m.

Memorial donations in Ann Marie's name may be made to St. Jude, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Joslin Diabetes Center, Inc., One Joslin



Place, Boston, MA 02215.
www.nicholsfuneral-home.com

ERA Key's Team Blue raises \$600 for We're One Wilmington

WILMINGTON — Team Blue at ERA Key Realty Services, along with members of the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, recently raised \$600 for We're One Wilmington (WOW) at its first Jingle and Mingle event to support local small businesses.

We're One Wilmington (WOW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the Wilmington community one good deed at a time.

14 vendors came to support a great cause while also promoting their own small businesses to the community. Approximately 150 people came to prepare for the holiday season with Thanksgiving pies and potential holiday gifts for loved ones. Participating vendors included Josie's Bakery, Wow Factor Auto Detailing, Resin8 With Me, Red Door Mobile Bar Co., CARMA Salon & Spa, NU Skin, Wildflower Designs, Love Candles, Theresa Layton, S&L'S Luscious Sweets, Theresa Sharp, Dottye Vaccaro, and Linda Bruen.

"Supporting local small businesses is extremely important to Team Blue," said Lori Penney, the leader of Team Blue. "The holiday season can be fun, yet overwhelming for some, so we decided to take some of that stress away by bringing local vendors together. It was a great way to support local small businesses, while also preparing for this year's holiday season."

Team Blue is located at the Wilmington branch of ERA Key Realty Services. The team specializes in real estate in the Boston Suburban areas and Southern New Hampshire. For the past five years, Team Blue has been named the #1 Team at ERA Key Realty Services. Team Blue's goal is to guide clients through the contractual, investment and emotional decisions involved in the real estate process.

For more information on Team Blue's services contact Lori Penney at 978-375-2520 or loripenney@erakey.com, or visit the team's Facebook and

Instagram pages @TeamBlueRealEstate.

About ERA Key Realty Services

ERA Key Realty Services of Northbridge, Mass., has 14 offices throughout central and eastern Massachusetts and is among the largest residential real estate agencies in Massachusetts. Since merging with Hunt ERA in 2018, it has become the Number 1 agency in the ERA Franchise System, which has more than 2,400 agencies worldwide.

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Ninety Nine restaurants raise over \$387,000 for local Boys & Girls clubs

WOBURN — The Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub raised more than \$387,000 for local Boys & Girls Clubs throughout New England and upstate New York during the company's annual Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser held Oct. 1 - Oct. 31. All 101 Ninety Nine restaurants were involved in helping to provide for 59 local chapters with 100 percent of the funds raised going directly to the clubs and members.

"Our guest donations to local Boys & Girls Clubs in the communities we serve

make a direct impact in the lives of club members, and inspire our continued support of such an important organization," said W. Craig Barber, CEO, Ninety Nine Restaurants. "The contributions of our loyal guests and team members remind us of our responsibility to give back, make a positive impact and stand by our values here at Ninety Nine."

This year, the Ninety Nine continued to encourage donations from guests with a "Give \$5, Get \$5" promotion; for every \$5 donation

that was made during the fundraiser by dining in or by those who ordered online, guests received a \$5 off \$25 coupon for a future visit or for an online to go order.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of supporting and partnering with local Boys & Girls Clubs. To date, the Ninety Nine, along with guests, team members and business partners have raised over \$5.6 million for local Boys & Girls Club chapters.

Roger H. Mills

Enlisted in US Navy as Merchant Marine

Roger H. Mills, age 88, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away at home surrounded by his loving daughters on Nov. 9, 2022.

Roger was born in Everett on March 8, 1934; he was the cherished son of the late Leslie and Vera (Holt) Mills. Roger was raised and educated in South Portland, ME and a graduate of South Portland High School with the Class of 1952.

After graduation, Roger enlisted in the United States Navy as a Merchant Marine and then served an additional three years in the United States Army.

Upon return from service, he moved to Wilmington and met his wife Lorraine in the Wilmington United Methodist Church Young Adults Fellowship. The two hit it off and were soon inseparable; they married in the Church on Aug. 29, 1959. They were both active members of the church their entire lives and sang together in the church choir for over 50 years.

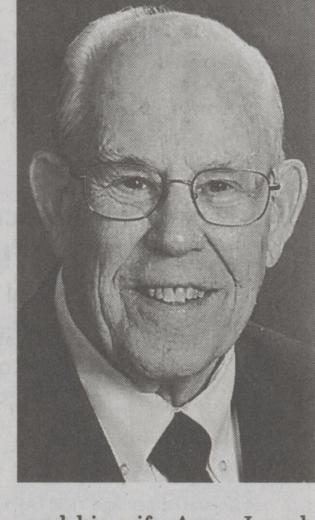
Roger loved the church and became the custodian after retiring as a skilled carpenter from the North Atlantic States Carpenters Union. Roger was also an active member of Friendship Lodge A.F. & A.M.

and his wife Amy, Joseph J. Zammuto and Emily J. Zammuto and her husband Zachary Grchan.

Great "Grampy" of James D. Swain III and Ellis Roger Swain. He was the dear brother of the late Barbara Bowley, Richard Mills and Marlene Dunton.

Roger is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visiting hours were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Monday, Nov. 14, from 3 - 7 p.m. Family and friends gathered for a funeral service at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. Wilmington, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. Interment with military honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery.



Fire Marshal offers cooking safety tips for Thanksgiving

STOW — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is urging residents to make fire safety a priority in the kitchen as we approach Thanksgiving Day, the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

"Each year, we see about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Don't let a fire ruin this special time with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger."

Cooking Safety Tips

There were 678 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts from 2017 to 2021, and 87 percent of them started with cooking activities at home. These Thanksgiving Day fires caused seven civilian injuries, seven fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

- Be sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to "stand by your pan" and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying, or broiling.

- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to "put a lid on it" and turn off the heat.

- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.

- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

Thanksgiving 2021

Residential cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day dropped by more than 20 percent last year, falling from 127 in 2020 to 97 in 2021.

After a devastating fire in New Bedford on Thanksgiving 2020 that caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people, there were no fires attributed to turkey fryers last year. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil.

There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." They recommend using new "oil-less" turkey

fryers.

Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively — such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces in locations where they won't be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot "circle of safety" free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.

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TO: All abutters to 1693 Shawsheen Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, all residents within 300 feet of 1693 Shawsheen Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, and other interested residents or parties.

FROM: Community Care Collective, Inc. d/b/a "Collective"

SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING: The information presented at the Community Outreach Meeting will include 1) that the type of Marijuana Establishment to be located at 1693 Shawsheen Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, is a "Marijuana Retailer"; 2) information adequate to demonstrate that the location will be maintained securely, and steps to be taken by the applicant to prevent diversion to minors; 3) a plan by the applicant to positively impact the community; and 4) information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance.

Community Care Collective, Inc. will introduce the proposal, will solicit questions and comments from the public and will answer any such questions.

Date and time of Community Outreach Meeting: November 29, 2022 at 6:00pm

Location of Meeting: Holiday Inn Tewksbury-Andover

4 Highwood Avenue, Tewksbury, MA 01876

If you have any questions regarding this Community Outreach Meeting, please contact David Giannetta; (978) 506 5350 or Email: info@collective-cannabis.com

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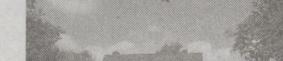
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: George Halley of 9 Dell St. in Somerville, MA, who is the last registered owner of a 2013 Ford F150

VIN # IFTFX1ET3DFB63114 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about December 16, 2022 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Kristina McCabe of 15 Flood St. in Waltham, MA, who is the last registered owner of a 2013 Nissan Rogue

VIN # JN8AS5MV6DW643400 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about December 16, 2022 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

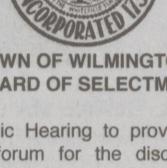
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 6, 2022 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Stormwater Management Permit #22-19, plan entitled, "Site Improvements for Iron Mountain, 353 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated November 9, 2022, prepared by Eugene T. Sullivan, P.E., Eugene T. Sullivan, Inc., 230 Lowell Street, Suite 2A, Wilmington, MA 01887, and Steven M. Horsfall, P.L.S., Kelly Engineering Group, 10 Campanelli Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for fencing, landscape buffer, mill and overlay of the existing parking lot, and changes to the building exterior. Said property is located at 353 Middlesex Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcel 31B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
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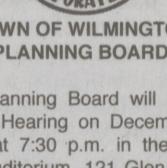
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A Public Hearing to provide an open forum for the discussion of local property tax policy with reference to classification for FY 2023 taxation purposes will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Interested taxpayers may present their views on classification policy at the hearing or in writing to the Town Manager's Office until 4:30 p.m. on that date.

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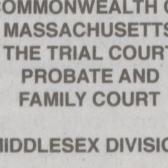
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #22-03, plan entitled, "Beth Israel Lahey Health" dated July 19, 2022, prepared by Batten Bros., Signs & Awnings, 893 Main Street, Wakefield, MA 01880, submitted on November 10, 2022. The application is for the installation of two (2) wall signs, each being 51.5" x 197.7", exceeding the allowed square footage. Said property is located at 66 Concord Street and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 122.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P5629EA

Estate of: KATHLEEN A. DUNFEE
Date of Death: January 4, 2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen J. Harris of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Karen J. Harris of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for reportedly shoplifting

Monday, November 7

6:26 a.m. - Caller stated he arrived at work and there was a suspicious van parked out front with the door open but no one inside at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Police spoke to the male party. He was delivering to the store next door and was taking a nap before returning to Connecticut.

7:36 a.m. - Caller stated a man in black and grey clothing appeared to be suspicious, putting a motorcycle on the back of a pick up truck in the parking lot at Home Depot. Police sent. Hector Valentin, 36, of 6 W Burnside Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice on court warrant and larceny of motor vehicle.

11:42 a.m. - School threats made via text and calls at Tewksbury Memorial High School. Verizon contacted for their records. Records

sent to the police.

Tuesday, November 8

12:27 a.m. - Caller stated a female party was passed out in vehicle at Circle K near the gas pumps. Police sent and the vehicle left toward Lowell. Lowell Police Department was notified.

3:37 p.m. - A 911 caller reported the male driver was crossing over the wrong side of the road at Fieldstone Circle. Police sent. The operator checked out. He had a cast on his arm which made it difficult to operate his vehicle.

Wednesday, November 9

7:58 a.m. - Caller reported he saw a suspicious male party, white, with glasses parked in a small sedan at Patten Road, looking through trash. Requested police to examine. No

plates given. Calling party had observed this through video camera. Police sent but gone on arrival.

12:28 p.m. - Caller stated they witnessed two young men near the greenery section off ramp of the highway near stadium plaza on Main Street. They appeared to be thumbing for rides and the caller thought they were in danger of getting hit by a car. Both males wore dark clothing, one wearing a bright orange or red hat. Police sent but gone on arrival.

1:53 p.m. - Caller stated a male party was getting his hair cut and only partially paid at Fantastic Sam's. He left to go home and get more money and has not returned. Caller got his plate. Police sent and the male party made his way to the salon to pay.

3:02 p.m. - Vandalism on

the caller's property at Hawthorne Circle. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:42 p.m. - Caller reported clerk gave him counterfeit change back at Circle K. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Thursday, November 10

12:38 a.m. - A 911 transfer from Wilmington for an erratic driver inbound on Salem Road. Caller stated he witnessed the vehicle go up onto someone's front lawn. Police sent. The damage to her vehicle was caused some time ago. No signs of any impairment. Wilmington Police Department advised of the findings.

5:20 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle accident at Park Avenue. Mark Tracy, 57, of 188 Patrick Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

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6:16 p.m. - Loss prevention from Marshalls reported a male in the store shoplifting who was known to them. Police sent. Edward Nourse, 36, of 393 Wilder St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for breaking and entering of nighttime, two counts of the warrant of larceny from building, a warrant for shoplifting, and larceny under \$1,200.

Friday, November 11

2:43 p.m. - A 911 call for possibly intoxicated party who attempted to drive out of the Andy's Variety parking lot. Police sent. Party was not driving just sitting in his car scratching lottery tickets. A licensed operator came to drive the male party home. Police filed a report.

5:28 p.m. - Loss prevention reported a shoplifter at Walmart. Police sent. Michael Wetherbee, 33, of 81 Varney St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice on court warrant, shoplift-

ing by asportation, and a warrant for malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

Saturday, November 12

12 p.m. - Caller from Archstone Avenue stated there has been a car that appeared to be abandoned. Caller wished to speak with an officer. Police sent. They reported vehicle checked out.

Sunday, November 13

4:44 a.m. - Flat bed truck at Ira Toyota Scion of Tewksbury at the entrance of the driveway. No contact with the key holder. Police checked the area. They were out with the vehicle. Driver worked for Toyota and had all the proper paperwork. Driver was transporting vehicle from Toyota Tewksbury up to Toyota of Maine.

11:41 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding trespassing at Jon Ryan's Pub. Police sent and they reported the tent was taken down prior to officers arrival.

black 2023 Jaguar F-Pace on Lowell Street. East Kingston Police in New Hampshire were contacted regarding the party's non-extraditable warrant.

12:37 p.m. - A motor vehicle collision occurred on Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road between a gray 2014 Hyundai Sonata, red 2020 Hyundai Kona, and another vehicle. Damage was caused to a nearby property's lawn and the fire department and a tow were called in.

10:04 a.m. - A caller on Marion Street reported a raccoon in their recycling barrel. Police arrived, made sure the animal got out of the barrel and sent it on its way.

Thursday, November 10:

8:38 a.m. - A caller at Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street reported that he and his Uber driver got into a verbal argument that led to the driver kicking the caller out and leaving with the caller's phone and other belongings. A friend of the caller arrived on the scene, having located the belongings on the side of the road on West Street. The caller did not wish to press charges, but police urged them to contact Uber.

11:48 a.m. - A caller on Great Neck Drive reported that a black 2008 Toyota Runner had been parked in the area, possibly for months. Police spoke to the registered owner, who stated that the vehicle had been pulled out so yard work could be done. The incident later resulted in harassing text messages being sent at 2:23 p.m.



Wilmington Police Log

Reading man issued summons following accident, fire

Friday, November 4:

11:08 a.m. - Ricky Michael Eli of 855 Main St. was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License. The party's black 2021 Cadillac Escalade was stopped on Main Street.

11:20 a.m. - A caller on Fordham Road reported that, after informing an employee that they could no longer work on a team, said employee became aggressive towards others before leaving in a white 2019 Nissan Murano. The employee was advised to not return to the property on pain of arrest, with a co-worker delivering the week's check.

6:38 p.m. - A motor vehicle collision occurred between a white 2022 Honda Civic and a deer on Shawsheen Avenue. The vehicle was still drivable, and the operator was sent on their way, while the animal could not be found.

9:10 p.m. - Police checked on a party who was on the sidewalk at the MBTA Parking Lot on Main Street near their gray 2019 Honda

Civic. The fire department was called for a partial airway obstruction. The party was able to clear the object and refused further evaluation.

Saturday, November 5:

3:01 p.m. - A caller at Cumberland Farm Gulf Gas Station on Main Street reported that a two-car motor vehicle collision had occurred on Main Street and Richmond Street between a gray 2011 GMC Acadia and a green 2014 Toyota Corolla. No airbags were deployed and no injuries were reported and the parties exchanged paperwork.

5:59 p.m. - A caller on Lowell Street reported that a large piece of material was in the road. An officer arrived, moved a small bumper off to the side of the overpass, and contacted Mass Highway.

6:39 p.m. - An officer stopped a blue 2019 Mercedes GLE43 at the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Middlesex Avenue that had almost struck a juvenile bicyclist. Officers spoke with the operator and the cyclist, finding the juvenile

went through while the car was coming. The cyclist was advised.

Sunday, November 6:

12:45 a.m. - Brian James Craven of 79 Glenmere Circle in Reading was issued a summons for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation, and Speeding at a Rate Greater than was Reasonable and Proper. This followed a report of a car fire on West Street involving a gray 2015 Dodge Charger that followed a motor vehicle collision with a pole. The street was closed as police searched for an operator. RMLD and Verizon were also notified.

10:17 p.m. - A caller at McDonald's on Main Street reported that a party in a red 2021 Hyundai was yelling at employees and customers. Police spoke to the party, who claimed he was not involved, while employees alleged that he was. The party was advised to be respectful.

Monday, November 7:

9:09 a.m. - A motor vehicle

collision occurred on West Street and Lowell Street between a brown 2012 Toyota Camry and a 2021 Ford Transit van. No injuries were reported.

11:03 a.m. - A train gates malfunction was reported on Salem Street, with Keolis notified. The gates went up later, and it was speculated that a Keolis crew working in the area was causing the issue.

12:31 p.m. - Zaequan Elizor Rodriguez of 103 Ecklund Dr. in Lowell was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended or Revoked Registration, and Uninsured Motor Vehicle. This followed a stop and tow of the party's blue 2007 Honda Accord on Middlesex Avenue.

Tuesday, November 8:

4:03 a.m. - Police responded to a report of a suspicious white 2005 Mazda Tribute behind Market Basket on Main Street. It was found that a person was living out of the vehicle and police advised

Tewksbury Police arrest three, seize illegal gun in two separate incidents

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged three people and seized an illegal handgun after two separate incidents Friday and early Saturday morning.

On Friday, at 10:51 a.m., Tewksbury Police responded to the Circle K gas station on Andover Street for a report of two individuals nodding off who appeared to be under the influence of drugs in a Nissan sedan in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers located a man and a woman who were asleep in the two front seats, with the man in the driver's seat.

Officers observed a glass pipe consistent with pipes used to smoke crack cocaine, in plain view inside the vehicle, which was registered to the ex-husband of the woman in the passenger seat. A search was performed, and during the

search Tewksbury Police located a Taurus .40 caliber firearm and a magazine loaded with nine rounds inside a backpack. Upon closer examination, it was determined that the serial number had been grinded off the firearm.

As a result, the driver, identified as James M. Polowski, 29, of Townsend was arrested and charged with:

- Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License

- Receiving a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number

- Possession of Ammunition without a FID

The passenger, a 36-year-old Townsend woman, was allowed to leave the scene without charges, but the vehicle was impounded by police, as the woman's license is currently suspended, and she was unable to drive the vehicle from the scene.

Then, shortly after midnight on Saturday, Tewksbury Police received a 911 call from a guest of the Motel 6 located on Main Street for a report that a man pulled a knife on another man during an altercation.

Police arrived and conducted a thorough on-scene investigation. It was determined that both par-

ties, at different times, were the aggressors in the argument, with one man pulling a knife and the other (the 911 caller) re-igniting the situation by approaching the first man with a baseball bat and pointing it at him in a threatening manner.

As a result, Brian Donahue, 41, of Tewksbury was charged with:

- Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Knife)

- Resisting Arrest

During the investigation and arrest, Donahue refused to comply with lawful police orders and pushed his way past officers in an attempt to escape a police cruiser. At that time, and after warnings from officers, pepper spray was deployed twice on Donahue which successfully helped officers gain his compliance for arrest and transport to the Tewksbury Police Department for booking.

The second man, Albert Echenique, 51, of Lowell was also arrested and charged with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Baseball Bat).

All three suspects were arraigned Monday in Lowell District Court.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Book Stew Review

'The Other Side of Prospect' by Nicholas Dawidoff

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This remarkable book is set in Newhall, a dangerous section of New Haven, CT — economically stagnant and tired of losing its young men to gun violence, within five miles of the ivory tower

privilege of Yale.

The author follows Bobby, a teenager who is imprisoned for a murder he did not commit. The victim, Pete, came up in the Great Migration wave from South Carolina to a good paying job in a gun manufacturing plant that eventually closed, devastating the neighborhood.

Bobby is put in "the box" (an interrogation room which you'll be sadly familiar with if you watched the TV show Homicide: Life of the Street) and although he had never even touched a gun, he is pressured to sign a confession, just like the Central Park Five, the young men who eventually told police falsely and under coercion that they had attacked and severely injured a jogger.

The author tells us what the community also knows: that the actual murderer was Bobby's schoolmate, a contract killer named Major who himself is killed within weeks of Pete's death. Pete's rise and success was almost an object lesson to Bobby's overwhelmed mother and to Major's destructive path after the death of his own mother.

Bobby's lawyer, a bulldog who believed in giving his all to those denied justice, is examined, along with the culpability of the two detectives who ignored physical evidence to pin the crime on Bobby. We stay with Bobby as he becomes a heroic figure, for his perseverance and for his ability to regain purpose in prison and beyond.

The writer's mission, to examine every side of this troubled and sadly all-too-common situation, is fulfilled by his own diligent detective work and by his outstanding writing.

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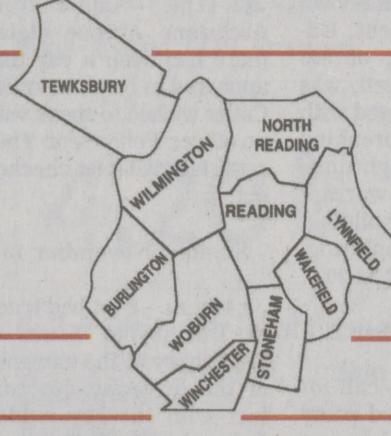
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Have a heart for Kelsey

By RYAN LAROCHE

Kelsey cries. She's 13 now, and while it's not uncommon for a 13-year old girl to cry (or any person for that matter), Kelsey cries not because a boy she liked doesn't like her back or because she got into a fight with her best friend or because she failed a test.

Kelsey cries out in physical pain, in the daytime and at night, because her heart is failing her and she is dying.

She has endured numerous surgeries over the years, from Texas all the way to Michigan; she spent 560 days in the hospital in just her first three years of life. Born with a heart defect, she had her first open heart surgery at nine months old.

"This surgery was explained to her parents as simple and easy, those were the exact words used by the surgeon," Kelsey's aunt Judy Goode said when sharing Kelsey's story (the family set up a GoFundMe Page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/have-a-heart-for-kelsey>).

Unfortunately, severe complications arose and she needed six more surgeries in nine months. Goode called some of them emergency surgeries, "as in kiss your daughter goodbye."

One surgery left her brain without enough oxygen causing hypoxia and brain damage. All told, Kelsey would wind up se-

verely developmentally delayed, non-verbal and needing the use of a g-tube for feeding. She also struggles to walk, has a pacemaker and takes all sorts of medication to deal with the pain.

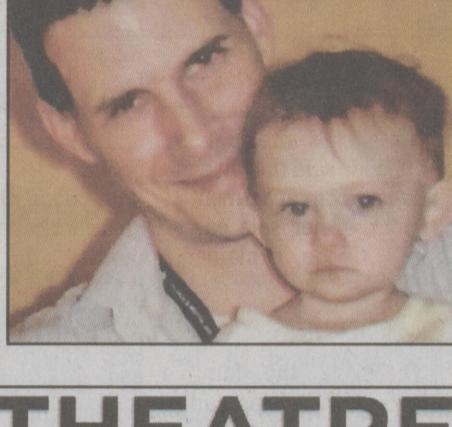
Eventually, Kelsey and her family found a doctor in Michigan who performed a successful mitral valve surgery. At just three-and-a-half years ago, Kelsey completed her eighth open heart surgery, a mechanical mitral valve replacement.

Kelsey grew up on Forest Street in Winchester to a father, John Corlito, who owned his own business, and a mother, Lisa (White) Corlito, who worked in human resources. However, due to Kelsey needing around the clock care, both parents had to quit their jobs and sacrifice everything for their daughter.

After doctors diagnosed Kelsey as autistic, her mother home-schooled her. Goode said some of the schools they looked into sending Kelsey to expressed concern with certain medications she was taking.

Nearly 10 years after the successful mitral valve replacement, two horrible things happened to the family: the now teenage Kelsey began experiencing heart failure and her mom passed away. Struggling with depression and PTSD following the trauma

KELSEY TO A-9



SUPPORT FOR THE CORLITO FAMILY - Kelsey Corlito, above, is suffering from multiple medical afflictions. After the passing of her mother, Lisa (White) Corlito, (top right with baby Kelsey), her father John Corlito (right) is now her sole caregiver. (Courtesy photos)

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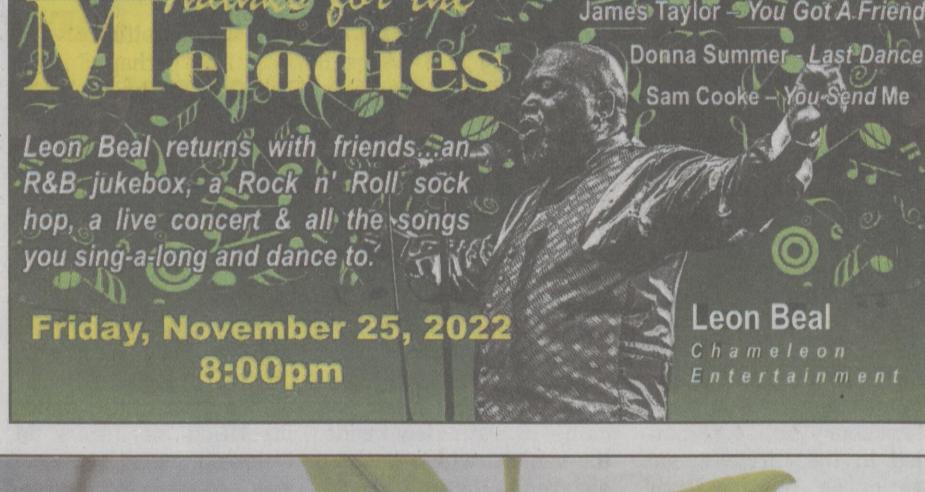
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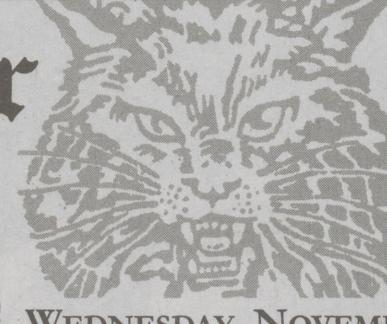
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Wilmington SPORTS

Boys team also competes, finishes 10th

Girls Cross-Country places sixth, advances to All-State Meet

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WESTFIELD - And they did it again.

On Sunday, the Wilmington High School Girls cross-country team qualified for the All-State Meet for the second straight year, by finishing in sixth place during the 20-team, 141-runner race held at Stanley Park.

Holliston won the Division 2B race and finished ahead of Medfield, Newburyport, Old Rochester, Bedford, Wilmington and Pentucket. The top seven teams from each of the three divisions - as well as two wild cards from any of the three divisions - advance to this Saturday's All-State Meet to be held at Fort Devens in Ayer.

"The girls ran awesome today," said head coach Joe Patrone. "Addy (Hunt) bounced back - we found out that she was a little iron deficient. She bounced back and had a really good race finishing 13th. Hannah (Bryson) also had a great race and she came in 15th. Those two medaled. Then Charlotte (Kiley) was right there, and Mallory (Brown) ran well. All four of them would have made it to the All-States as individuals, had the team not made it. They all ran awesome."

Hunt, a sophomore, finished 13th in 20:03.55. She

was followed by Bryson, who was 15th in 20:12.41, Kiley, who was 21st in 20:23.99, Brown, who was 34th in 21:08.08 and Stryhalaleck, who was 73rd in 22:42.51. Kiley finished as the top eighth grade participant.

"Charlotte was right there and ran not too far behind Hannah. Charlotte's only an eighth grader so she has a great future ahead of her," said Patrone. "Mallory came to us from soccer and in



On the left, Jameson Burns and above Dean Ciampa in action for the WHS Boys Cross-Country team during an earlier season home meet. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

her first year with us, has had an incredible season. She's another one who I think will really reap the benefits when we get to the indoor track season.

"Mia ran 22 minutes which was like four minutes faster than she did at this meet last year. It was a harder course (last year) but still, she's come a long way and has worked really hard. Out of those five girls, four of them are back next year. If we can just get a few



On Sunday, the Wilmington High School Girls Cross-Country team placed sixth in the Division 2B race held at Westfield State's Stanley Park. The sixth place puts the team into this weekend's All-State Meet for the second straight year. Leading the charge with top performances from Sunday includes from left Addy Hunt, Charlotte Kiley, Mia Stryhalaleck, Mallory Brown and Hannah Bryson. (courtesy photo).

more girls interested in running distance, we could be really strong next year, too."

BOYS

The Wilmington High School Boys team finished

10th out of 25 teams and had a solid showing, just fell short of their goal of finishing in the top seven to advance one more week.

"The boys ran well. We came up a little short as

we wanted to qualify for the All-States, as that was our goal," said Patrone. "The competition was really tough. Jameson (Burns) ran a two second personal best and he has

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Bryson emerging as an elite runner, leader

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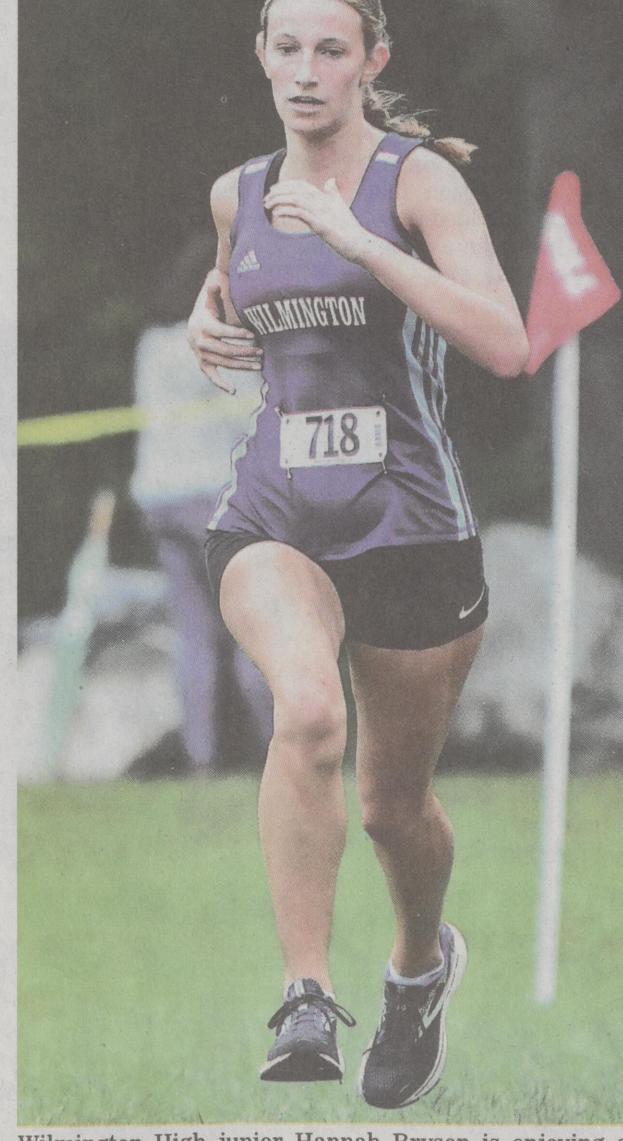
WESTFIELD - A year ago, Hannah Bryson, then a sophomore, was a big part of the historical season for the Wilmington High School girls' cross-country team. That season included finishing with an undefeated regular season record, the Middlesex League Freedom Division title, while finishing with a program best fourth place finish at the Division 2B Meet, which was good enough to qualify the team for the All-State Meet, also for the first time in program history.

Just a tenth grader, Bryson finished 29th at the 2B meet, held on the hilly course in Gardner. She ran an excellent race that day, as did her teammates, especially the front runners Shea Cushing and Addy Hunt, who ended up getting more of the attention and accolades throughout that season as the great 1-2 duo.

Heading into this season, the Wildcats had one senior on the team and was brand new to the sport, thus the team needed leadership and also needed a front runner to go along with Hunt, who was entering her sophomore season. Quickly those questions were answered. Bryson filled those spots. She continues to vastly improve and has done extremely well on her

own, all while carrying some extra weight on her shoulders this season.

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Wilmington High junior Hannah Bryson is enjoying a fantastic season as a member of the girls cross-country team. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

A legendary career comes to an end

Sue Hendee retiring as head coach of the WHS Girls Soccer team

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WILMINGTON - Back on Monday, November 7th, Sue Hendee closed out a long chapter of being the head coach of the Wilmington High School Girls' Soccer team. It's a career that has lasted 35 seasons and 650 games - and if you include the first year as an assistant, it's 36 seasons and 668 games.

It's a career that aside from her 324 wins, 10 league titles and a trip to the State Championship game, revolved around building a program that was competitive nearly every year, had dozens and dozens of players go on to play in college at all levels from Division 1 to 3 (Kat Strazzere played professionally and Olivia Wingate could go that route soon) and dozens of players come back to coach either at WHS or elsewhere in the high school or collegiate ranks.

It's a career that also revolved around an elementary school teacher, who volunteered her time for a number of out-of-school/soccer activities, raising thousands and thousands of dollars for various causes. She also on countless number of times donated her time to different causes here in the town of Wilmington, which is about 400 miles from where she grew up.

Over her 35 years, Hendee made trips to local hospitals to see sick/injured players. She made trips all around New England to see her many players excel at the collegiate level. She held get-togethers with opposing teams offering pizza and cookies and so forth.

Hendee epitomized the meaning of a coach. She was tough but extremely fair. She is extremely knowledgeable and knows how to coordinate practices, make adjustments in games, and more importantly develop players, while getting the most out of their talents. She has adjusted throughout five decades of play, three different leagues, two different state tournament formats, all while playing on grass and then going to artificial turf.

"I believe a large part of Miss Hendee's success was fostered by the team building she encourages every season," said former player Jacqueline Kennedy. "Over my four years playing for Miss Hendee, I attended many team dinners, fundraisers, and team building activities such as Camp 40 Acres and attending

Boston College women's soccer games. Miss Hendee shows her support for her players by attending off-season games - she came to numerous games for softball, basketball, lacrosse, etc."

Hendee finished with a career record of 324-237-89 and celebrated with ten league championships. In seven seasons in the Merrimack Valley Conference she won 53 games. In 16 seasons in the Cape Ann League, her teams won 127 games with back-to-back league titles. And in 12 seasons in the Middlesex League, her record was an incredible 144-50-36, which included winning seven straight league titles, advancing to the Eastern Mass Championship game (no Western Mass that year, so that was the State title game) and over a four-year span, her teams finished with a combined mark of 69-5-8.

"I think she is a very dedicated coach," said former player Jenn Earls, back in 2003. "She devotes a lot of time. Her communication line is always open and she always lets you know that. If can be anything with the team, or anything in general. We have meetings at practices and she wants our feedback of how things were done and so forth. I think that was very important that she likes to know what her players feelings are because if you can't communicate with each other, you don't have anything."

"She loves the game of soccer. Absolutely she loves it. She really enjoys what she's doing. She gets the players to have that same love and desire she has for the game and we all can follow in her footsteps. She's very knowledgeable with the sport. She taught us a lot and I know she helped me improve a lot. She knows that she can't teach everything but she also knows that she can take stuff from other coaches to get a point across. She really connects with everyone. We had such team unity this season and she was a major part of that."

Hendee leaves this program as the all-time winningest female coach in Wilmington High School history. She has 91 more than Hall of Famer Jan Cassidy-Wood. Hendee is already enshrined into the Massachusetts State Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame, and is honored by the state as one of the Final-4 brackets is named after her.

Certainly, no doubt



For the past 35 years, Sue Hendee has been the WHS Girls Soccer coach and during that time, she's had a lot of fun with the players on the team, congratulating them on their play and their careers.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Hendee is a Hall of Fame coach and most of all, Hall of Fame person.

"For Sue to get her 300th win is such a great accomplishment," said former WHS Athletic Director Ed Harrison, back in 2019. "Not only is she a great coach, but she is a better teacher of the game. She challenges her athletes to be the best they can be both on and off the field. Her teams are made up of hard workers, who are competitive and who always show good sportsmanship."

THREE SPORT ATHLETE

Hendee grew up outside of Rochester, New York in a town called Pittsford. She attended Southerland High School and was a three-sport athlete before graduating in 1978. She was a forward on the soccer team, a guard on the basketball team and a second baseman on the softball team.

"Back then girls sports were just starting," said Hendee. "In soccer we were a club team my freshman year and then we went varsity in my sophomore year. More girls started to come out for teams. Title nine really opened up a lot."

During her senior season in soccer, the team finished with an 18-1-1 record and went the furthest any team could go at that time, which she said was equivalent to what used to be the North Sectional Finals here in Massachusetts.

After graduating from high school, she went to Springfield College. She was a physical education major and ended up graduating in 1982.

"I was like every kid who was trying to figure out what I wanted to do," Hendee said. "I did what I felt comfortable at and what I thought I was good at and that was being with kids."

My mother (Barbara) was a teacher and I just wanted to teach and continue to do something in athletics. It was either that or something in French because I was pretty good at that too."

When she arrived at Springfield, Hendee found out that there was no women's varsity soccer team. So she played club for the first two years before the school officially took the soccer program to varsity level in her junior year.

"Back then we didn't have any clear cut divisions," she said. "We would play UMass, UConn, Dartmouth, BC, Harvard and at the same time play schools like Keene State and Westfield. It was a lot of diversity. It wasn't division one or division two. Only a few schools had it and it was interesting."

Hendee said that once the team went varsity, it had instant success including winning the New England Women's Soccer Association tournament. She added that if soccer had been a varsity sport when she first

arrived there in 1978, she's not sure she would have tried out.

"It would have been intimidating," she said. "I would've regretted it if I didn't go out but it was easier when it was just a club team. It made it such an easier transition. But I was like every kid, even today, thinking I wouldn't make it, or I wouldn't have enough time for my studies."

After graduating from college, Hendee took a teacher's position back in New York in a small town near Indian Lake. There she taught physical education to children from kindergarten to 12th grade as each grade made up of about 20 kids. She was there for almost five years before she realized that she wanted to go back to Massachusetts. In 1986, she went to the Cambridge Shady Hill School knowing she was filling a position for just a six-month period.

"That was around the time of proposition two-and-a-half and no one was hiring," she said. "I had the teaching experience and so I went to Shady Hill for the six months. After that I saw a position opened in Wilmington and I started at the Wildwood School in 1987."

She spent two years at the Wildwood, two years at the Woburn Street School and then 29 years at the Shawsheen Elementary School, retiring several years ago.

Coincidentally, her first

trip to Wilmington in 1987 was the same time the girls' varsity soccer program began. She assisted Steve Mader for the first year as the team finished 7-7-4. The following year in 1988, she took over and the team had a great season, qualifying for the state tournament for the first time.

"The biggest difference between then and (2003) is the amount of exposure," she said, during an interview with the Town Crier after being named the Coach of the Year. "Now when you get to high school, you have all of these youth programs to get you started. There's a lot of camps which are available, there's summer leagues and clubs and indoor leagues. There's all kinds of stuff which wasn't offered back then. I think the kids today have a better understanding of the game too. They are much more tactical and I think that's because of the playing experience they have."

"Back then, Mom and Dad would usually fill in as a volunteer coach because a team needed one. Now there's training courses for people to take and it's a lot more knowledgeable."

During the first year she became head coach at Wilmington at the age of 28, Hendee lost her Mother Barbara, who passed away with breast cancer.

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During her career, Sue Hendee gave out countless number of coaching instructions from the sidelines.

(file photo).



Sue Hendee won ten league titles during her 35-year career as WHS Girls Soccer coach, the first coming in 2003.

(file photo).

"Coaching soccer really helped me get through that," she said. "It was very hard for me. My mother was 400 miles away and she was sick and she was dying. It was just very tough and soccer got me through that."

In the same 2003 interview, Hendee said that it was her parents, who instilled that incredible work ethic and dedication into her blood lines.

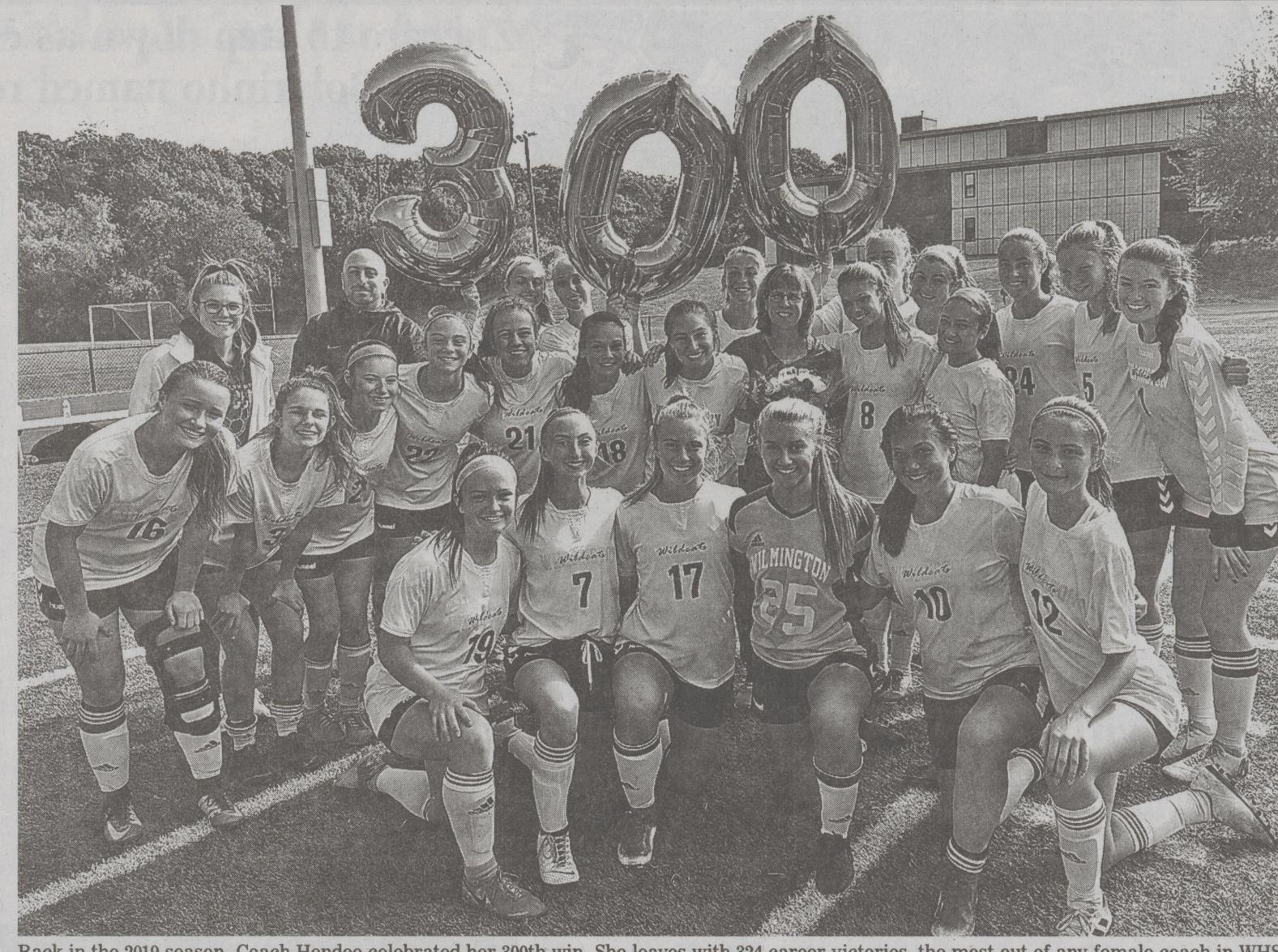
"All of that came from the influence of my parents (Barbara and Buell)," she said. "As an athlete and as a coach I try to keep the same standard. I expect that from my players. I want the kids and the team to have a good time. I want them to work hard, to show good sportsmanship, to be good teammates, to be good students, to be a model citizen on and off the field and mostly just to have a positive experience."

MORE TOUGH TIMES

Hendee had been the coach at WHS for eight seasons from 1988 to 1995. The program had some success winning double digit games three times while in the MVC. In the fall of 1995, the 'Cats really struggled finishing 3-10-4. It was just a few months after that season when one of her players, Kara Irving, was diagnosed with cancer, and another, Lauren Senesi, was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

"They were down the hall from one another at Mass General," recalled Hendee.

Senesi was in a car that hit some ice and crashed. She had her seat belt on, which kept her from being thrown, but she suffered serious internal injuries,



Back in the 2019 season, Coach Hendee celebrated her 300th win. She leaves with 324 career victories, the most out of any female coach in WHS history. (file photo).

as well as two broken bones in her back. She had to be Air-Lifted to Mass General and went through a number of operations.

"That freak accident with Lauren was really, really bad but she recovered from it quite quickly," said Hendee.

Meanwhile Irving was battling cancer. The team, the school and the community rallied around her. She graduated from WHS

and went on to Syracuse University, before the cancer struck again and she passed away during her sophomore year in 2000.

"Honestly, that was the hardest thing that I ever had to go through as a coach. Her family is just so nice, she was so nice and it was really such a hard thing to understand," said Hendee.

Hendee was there through those tough times with Senesi and Irving. Around the same time on the boys side, Joe Bamberg had his accident out in Chicago when he fell from a tree, and Hendee was on hand to assist in the 'Joe Bamberg Day'.

"How can't people connect with other people like (Senesi, Irving and Bamberg)?" she asked back in that 2003 interview. "I really think that the people in Wilmington rally around certain situations and they are very supportive of others. The people of the town are always trying to give back. These kids here in Wilmington are such great kids. I don't know how people can't help out when something catastrophic happens."

Helping out is Hendee's middle name. Since arriving in Wilmington, she has raised money and completed 32 Pan Mass Challenge Bike Rides. She started and co-ordinated the Wilmington Pan Mass Kids Bike Ride. Over the last ten years, she has joined up with Stoneham to raise money for breast cancer. She also took part in the Jimmy Fund Walk, raising money there. She's volunteered her time helping out with various road races here in town, and so many other fundraising events. Throughout all of those events, she has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I just think it's the right thing to do. It's important to help people who are in need of help. There's been plenty of tragedy in Wilmington," she said. "The breast cancer thing is a personal thing because my mom died from that so that's why we do a lot with that. Then when we tied it in with Hope and Friendship, when we found out that was actually based in Wilmington, that was a perfect match."

"I believe in the Pan Mass Challenge. It's a great organization. When I did the kids' rides, I just thought it was important for kids to know that they can help make a difference in what goes on in this world in a positive way."

TURNING THINGS AROUND

Throughout the years in the Cape Ann League, Wilmington had its share of success, including the

back-to-back league title seasons in 2003 and 2004,

combining for 25 wins and several thrilling state tournament victories. The program stayed around the .500 mark for each of the next five seasons, before closing out the CAL in 2010 with the 3-10-5 record. And once the 'Cats entered the Middlesex League, they dominated winning 10-15-19-16-18-16 games over the first six seasons and that followed with an 8-6-5 mark in 2017, which gave the team its seventh straight league title.

"There was a lot of good background coaching with that group. Leo Figueiredo coached a bunch of those girls so they were well skilled, they were large numbers and those were our biggest years in terms of numbers throughout our entire program," said Hendee.

"We were lucky to be very selective with the kids we chose for the varsity team. It was actually a little surprising that the (league championship streak) went that long because there were a number of years with very large groups of seniors who left and it looked to be a rebuilding season (the following year), but then (that season) went really well."

"One thing that I have tried to do as a coach is to balance the roster in terms of grade levels, so you don't lose fifteen seniors and then have to try to rebuild because that's difficult. Sometimes you can't avoid it. I usually take freshmen and I don't mind playing freshmen. I know there's some coaches who don't really do that at all and I just think a good player is a good player."

Hendee certainly coached a lot of great players during that streak. Certainly the 2013 team was the cast of players ever assembled in program history. The Wildcats finished that season at 19-2-1, which included winning the program's first ever Division 2 North Sectional title,

before losing in the Eastern Mass final to Notre Dame of Hingham in penalty kicks.

"The thing with that team was we had a good, large group of seniors and they were all just great leaders. They all got along, they understood that the goal of the team was to be a team player and I think that was our strength," said Hendee.

"We were strong in every position and they played well and they played hard. I think (the program) always gets good athletes. We had some really good athletes that year. We had good speed and were pretty solid in every position. The thing that really stood out with that group

was their leadership."

Since winning the seventh straight league title in 2017, the 'Cats have gone 42-30-16 over the last five seasons, which included sharing the league title during the abbreviated 2020 COVID season, and going 1-1 in each of the past two seasons in the new statewide tournament, both times losing to far superior teams in Silver Lake Regional and Danvers.

From the team's first tournament appearance in 1988 to this last one, Hendee has seen it all - thrilling wins, penalty kick victories, penalty kick defeats, controversial calls, crushing defeats, upset wins, upset losses - she has seen it all, and adjusted throughout the times.

"Yes, (my coaching style has changed) and the game has changed (since I started)," she answered. "You have to stay current as the game develops. I've always taken advantage of going to coaching clinics and trying to stay current as much as possible. It's not that the kids today are any more committed than the kids who started (the program) off, it's just (the kids today) have a stronger (soccer) background. Back then it was just coming out of youth soccer and there really wasn't a strong club (soccer) presence. Now there is such a strong club presence which can be very helpful and also has its issues. Overall I think the level of skill is much higher."

THE DECISION

After last year's season, Hendee contemplated retiring but elected to come back for one more season. She told the team at the mid-way point that this would be her last. She is really hoping that she remains with the program as an assistant. She doesn't want to walk away from Wildcat Country forever.

"There's always mixed emotions. I don't think I'm ready to totally step away. I would really like to see Shane (Kligerman) and I flip roles, where he becomes the head coach and I just help out," she said. "This year has actually been really fun because we've really been kind of co-coaching and I think that will be a nice segue for him into the head coaching position. It's not my job to hire someone new, but I wouldn't understand why they wouldn't give him the job. He's been there for five years."

"I don't want the responsibility of being a head coach anymore. I still want to coach but planning practices, then doing all of the extra stuff, there are just other things that I want to do. I do want to

travel. We have a Lake House in New York that was my dad's house and it's on Lake Ontario. It's really nice there in September and I don't think I've ever been there at that time because it's six hours away. I want to spend some time there."

Whether or not that happens remains to be seen. Until then Hendee was asked to reflect upon her career and some of the things that sticks out.

"One of the things as a coach that I am most proud of is one, the kids who go on to play in college, and the number of kids who we have had do that is really impressive and the number of schools that they have gone to," she said. "The kids who go on and coach and the kids who have gone on to coach with me. That's one thing that I'm really, really proud of, those kids who have gone on and kind of passed the torch."

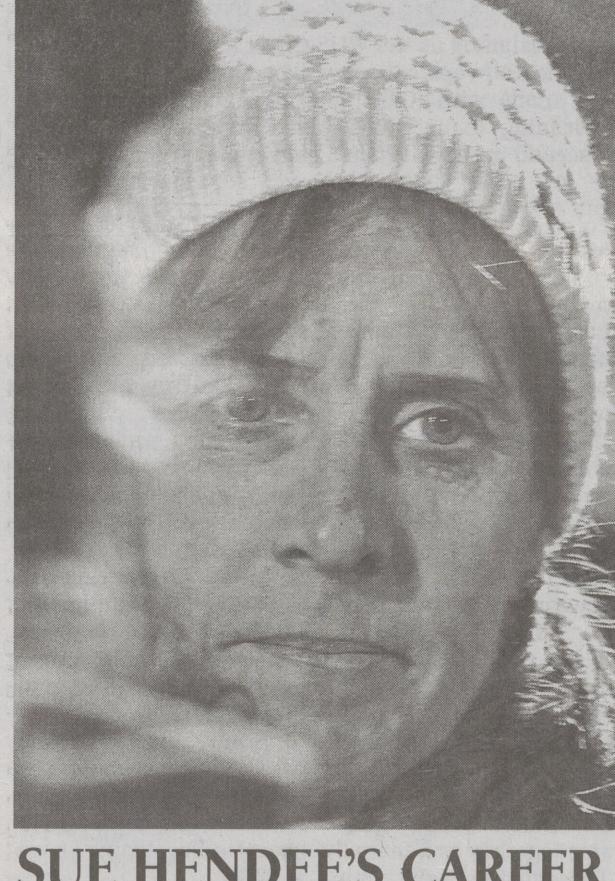
"I would like to thank my assistants (over my career). I don't want to mention names as I'm afraid I'll forget someone, but I would like to thank them all (collectively). The (varsity assistants) have all been volunteers and it's way passed the time that we have paid assistants at the varsity level. That's probably the biggest difference in coaching at the beginning of my career and at the end of it, is just being able to have someone else there just to be able to work with just the keepers or a specific group like attack, midfielders or defenders or whatever, it is incredibly difficult to do that by yourself. In this day and age, it's absolutely essential that you have assistant coaches to help you out."

Besides her volunteer and paid sub-varsity assistants, Hendee wanted to also thank her supporters.

"I have been overall lucky with the sport that I've had with parents over the years. They have really been supportive and helpful, and concerned about their daughters. Most of the time it comes from the right place. Wilmington has been a really good town to teach in and coach in," she said.

Back in 2003 when Hendee was asked about that successful season and winning the Town Crier Coach of the Year award, her words were so compelling, and it sums up exactly who she is as a person and as a coach.

"It's much more than (the wins). The kids is the reason why I love coaching. What I like best is having the opportunity to have a kid in class and seeing them grow up and then I have them on the soccer team. That's my favorite thing."



SUE HENDEE'S CAREER

YEAR	W	L	T
1988	11	5	2
1989	5	10	2
1990	2	11	0
1991	5	10	2
1992	12	5	0
1993	10	5	4
1994	8	8	2
1995	3	10	4
1996	9	9	2
1997	8	8	3
1998	9	8	4
1999	8	9	1
2000	10	7	2
2001	4	13	1
2002	8	8	3
2003*	13	5	2
2004*	12	6	2
2005	9	9	2
2006	10	8	1
2007	8	7	1
2008	8	9	2
2009	5	7	6
2010	3	10	5
2011**	10	5	4
2012**	15	4	3
2013**#	19	2	1
2014**	16	1	4
2015**	18	1	1
2016**	16	1	2
2017**	8	6	5
2018	10	8	2
2019	13	6	1
2020***	5	1	2
2021	7	8	5
2022	7	7	6

* Cape Ann League title

** Middlesex League title

Team lost in the State Final;

^ abbreviated season due to COVID-19.

% Hendee was an assistant in the program's first year of 1987. Steve Mader was the head coach and the team finished 7-7-4 overall.

Totals: 324-237-89, 10 league titles, 1 North Sectional

Championship title; 1 State Finalist trophy.



On Monday afternoon, WHS Senior Tiffanie Smith signed her National Letter of Intent to attend Quinnipiac University on a scholarship and she will compete with the school's Acrobatic and Tumbling team. Joining her on this special moment include her parents Kevin and Deb Smith. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Smith lands on her feet and signs with D1 Quinnipiac College

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WILMINGTON - For the past three-plus years, if you have attended a Wilmington High School Football or Basketball game, certainly you have been entertained by the action of the game. However, that being said, there is no doubt you left the bleachers knowing that you also were more entertained by the individual talents of a Wildcat cheerleader named Tiffanie Smith.

The girl who has traveled all over the country and probably has as many, if not more accolades and achievements in the sport than probably Aly Raisman does in gymnastics, has been awarded for all of those days spent on the mat.

On Monday afternoon, the Wilmington High School senior signed her National Letter of Intent to attend Quinnipiac College, a Division-1 program and compete on the school's Acrobatic and Tumbling Team, which is a little different than cheerleading.

"Cheerleading doesn't really give you much money for college but acrobatic and tumbling does. It's more like gymnastics and acrobatic put together, so it's pretty cool," she said during halftime of this past Thursday's WHS Football game.

According to the Quinnipiac Website, 50 college programs now offer Acrobatics/Tumbling. This year's QU team will get competition underway in February and includes a trip to Baylor University in Texas. The QU team features a full roster, including three other athletes from Massachusetts.

There's been a lot of talented competitive cheerleaders over the years at WHS with a handful of them going to D1 college programs, but none of

them can compare to the talents of Smith. Her first recruiting visit was with Oklahoma State University, which says it all, but it was her second visit that actually was more impressive.

"I went and visited (Oklahoma State University) and then Quinnipiac was my second choice. They brought me on for a recruiting trip and I just loved it. The school is really pretty and they have this mountain and it's such a pretty view," she said.

Back in February of 2019, the Town Crier told the story of Smith's cheerleading skills when she was just 14 years old. In the article, she explained that as a member of the East Celebrity Elite Bombshells, a Medium Level-5 All-Star Cheerleading team, that she practiced six hours a day, four days a week. The team competed in Indianapolis, Dallas and Orlando to name a few and captured a 'World Championship title'.

Her days with the Bombshells came after many years involved with Wilmington Pop Warner and leading the 2014 'C' Team to a National Title.

"It's been my whole life. I've had a lot of successes - I was a world champion and that means a lot. (Cheerleading) has definitely made me a better person, both stronger physically and mentally,"

Tiffanie said.

In the 2019 article, Smith explained that it took her a while to craft her very difficult routine, which consisted of a standing full to two standing back-hand springs through to a double full, and her running pass is a half through to a double-full."

"Tiffanie is an exceptional tumbler and jumper," said her East Elite coach Stephen Belanger in the 2019 article. "Her skills have a great level of difficulty performed with

strong technique, and what makes her special is her work ethic."

Today, Smith's routine includes "a whip through two fulls, then a standing full". When asked about being able to do everything that she does, Tiffanie offered, "It's all kind of a mental game and you just tell yourself that you are fine. It's mostly muscle memory so your body knows how to do it."

Tiffanie's high school coach Christina Zuccaro certainly agrees with Belanger about Smith's skill-set.

However, Zuccaro had the biggest smile on her face when asked about her little sister's decision to attend Quinnipiac and sign her NLI.

"I am very proud of Tiffanie. I can't put that into words of how proud I am of her. I think the school she picked is a perfect fit for her. Acrobatic/Tumbling so it's a little more technical, but it also gets rid of all of the fluff involved with cheerleading," said Zuccaro.

"They do the skills part of it mostly. She has looked over but she loved the school. She came home from Quinnipiac and said I love this place so I was happy for her."

Tiffanie added that she has been cheering her entire life and wanted to change it up, thus the decision to attend a college that has the acrobatic and tumbling program.

She's excited to have the opportunity come next fall, but until then she wanted to publicly acknowledge the people who she said have played a big role in this big decision.

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Football team powers past Medford

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WILMINGTON - A week earlier, the Wilmington High School Football team took care of business, winning its first game of the season against Dracut.

On Friday night, playing in their final home game of the season against Medford in a second consolation round game, it took the 'Cats a bit of time before they got the wheels cranking. Once they got moving, the Wildcats put up five touchdowns over the last three quarters to come away with a convincing 37-6 victory to improve to 2-8 on the season.

This was the first time in program history that Wilmington faced Medford.

Junior back Dempsey Murphy paced the offense with a pair of touchdown runs, while senior quarterback Jacob Roque finished with 97 passing yards with a touchdown, and he also rushed in two conversions as he continues to play much better. The two of them, Murphy and Roque, really stepped up after junior Michael Lawler, the team's top offensive weapon all season, went out with a collarbone injury on the first play from scrimmage.

"We put some different guys in offensively and I think it took us a little while to get adjusted, especially after losing Lawler, which is obviously going to hurt us. We won't see him again until next August, which is too bad and really sad. He plays his butt off and he loves (football)," said head coach Craig Turner.

"It did take us a while to get going but once we did, we found some stuff that really kind of works for us. Roque was very good tonight. We didn't turn the ball over, he made some great throws in the passing game, he ran when he

had to, so I thought he was very good."

Roque finished the game completing 6-of-12 passes for 91 yards which included a 22-yard TD completion to senior co-captain Peter LeBlanc. In addition, Roque had 21 rushing yards and then the two perfectly executed conversion keeper plays.

"Jacob's been much, much, much better with that the last few weeks," said Turner. "It's like dude, you are probably the fastest kid on the field, don't force (a throw), just run. Take the few yards (with a run) or throw (the ball) in the stands and we will live to play another day. He hasn't played (quarterback) the last two years so in that regard he's like a sophomore making sophomore mistakes so he's still figuring it out."

"He's a great athlete and hopefully he's ready to let it rip on Thanksgiving because (Tewksbury) is very good on defense so he's going to have to do some running there."

While the offense was clicking, the story of the game was the defense. Ali Aboukai and Murphy had two sacks each, while, Michael Ings and Peter LeBlanc had one each. In addition, Aboukai had two more tackles for loss of yards, Murphy had one, and Ings and LeBlanc both had interceptions, with the former scoring on his pick, coming from the 4 yard line.

"What we have done the last couple of weeks (in practice) is we have split the team into two with offense and defense, and the kids are just playing one way except for a few guys," explained Turner. "It has allowed (defensive co-ordinator) Sean (Turner) to really sink his teeth into the defense, really put together a lot of different stuff, and really focus on fundamentals, especially with our secondary guys. It has made



Wilmington High senior co-captain Joey Kullman (left) and junior Dempsey Murphy (right) celebrate after combining to make a tackle, while co-captain Peter LeBlanc (41) looks on during an earlier season game.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

a world of difference. If we're doing the things that we did in the secondary tonight (earlier) this season, we're a much improved defensive team.

"Say what you want, but our pass rush was been really good even though (Medford) really struggled with their snaps. But they have some athletes out wide, so except for one time, they never had a kid out there all wide open so our secondary guys did a real nice job tonight."

The game was scoreless until Wilmington started a drive with 7:34 left in the second quarter. Roque connected on an 19-yard pass to Hunter Sands on first down and three plays, later, the rough-and-tough big back Murphy, plowed his way in from the eight yard line for the score. Roque's rush made it 8-0.

Medford managed one first down before punting on its next drive. The 'Cats took over on their

own 35 and put together a 10-play, 65-yard scoring drive.

On second down, Christian Febbo made an impressive diving catch for a nine yard gain. Later on, he caught a 25-yard pass from Roque, which set up Murphy's 4-yard run, and Roque's rush to make it 16-0 with 14 seconds left in the half.

Medford started with the ball top open the third quarter, but two penalties and a bad snap on second

down pushed them back a 28 yards. Facing third-and-44 from the Medford 9, their quarterback tries to fight off strong pressure from the 'Cats defense, and as he scrambled, he sent a pass right into the hands of Ings, who moved several feet into the end zone for the score. Hunter Sands booted the PAT kick making it 23-0.

Medford responded with a quick score as Jack Lombardo found Justin

Marino over the middle and he caught the ball between two defenders and went in from 30 yards out. The pass conversion failed and it was a 23-6 with 7:59 left in the third.

Wilmington countered with a quick 50-play, 51-yard drive capped off with LeBlanc's 22-yard TD reception. Julien Cella added a late score to ice the game and the win.



On the first play from scrimmage during Thursday's game against Medford, Michael Lawler appeared to have broken his collarbone and will miss the Thanksgiving Day game. He leads the team with almost 900 scrimmage yards and seven touchdowns.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

WHS Football Box Score and Stats

WILMINGTON 37, MEDFORD 6

Medford	0	00	06	0	-06
Wilmington (2-8)	0	16	14	7	-37
W: Dempsey Murphy 8 run (Jacob Rowue rush)					
W: Murphy 4 run (Roque rush)					
W: Michael Ings 4 yard interception return (Hunter Sands kick)					
M: Justin Marino 30 pass from Jack Lombardo (pass failed)					
W: Peter LeBlanc 22 pass from Roque (Sands kick)					
W: Julien Cella 10 run (Sands kick)					

Team Stats

M	W
5	13
15-26	36-126
6-13-0	6-20-2
91	74
217	100
2-20	7-30
2-2	0-0

Individual Stats

Passing: Medford, Jack Lombardo 5-for-14, 67 yards, 1 TD, 0 INTs; Chris DiFronzo 1-for-4, 7 yards, 0 TDs, 2 INTs; Justin Marino 1-for-2, 1 yard, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Wilmington, Jacob Roque 6-for-12, 91 yards, 1 TD, 0 INTs; Collin Allard 0-for-1, 0 yards.

Rushing: Medford, Jack Lombardo 7-37; Stevens Evateur 1-12; Clivens Jean 1-2; Zaim All 1-1; Team 1- (-6); Justin Marino 3 - (-7); Chris DiFronzo 1 - (-13); Wilmington, Julian Cella 14-54, 1 TD; Dempsey Murphy 6-26, 2 TDs; Jacob Roque 5-21; Peter LeBlanc 2-9; Gus Lambert 7-7; Christian Febbo 1-5; Michael Lawler 1-4.

Receiving: Medford, Justin Marino 2-67, 1 TD; Nick Silva 2-15; Stevens Evateur 2 - (-8); Wilmington, Christian Febbo 2-34; Peter LeBlanc 1-22, 1 TD; Hunter Sands 1-19; Noah Spencer 1-12; Brett Ebert 1-4.

SEASON STATS

Score by Quarters					
31	53	54	50	-188	
104	76	58	36	-273	

Team Stats

W	Opp.
122	92
336-1,578	257-1,177
58-150-13	73-113-6
948	1,296
2,526	2,447
25-203*	35-294*
20-13	9-6

Individual Stats

Passing: Jacob Roque 49-for-130, 800 yards, 5 TDs, 13 INTs, Michael Lawler 4-for-11, 73 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Collin Allard 3-for-8, 38 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Braedon Almas 2-for-3, 37 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs;

Rushing: Michael Lawler 105-486, 4 TDs; Jacob Roque 60-399, 1 TD; Peter LeBlanc 43-320, 3 TDs; Julian Cella 56-255, 4 TDs; Dempsey Murphy 33-152, 4 TDs; Nik Iascone 12-49, 1 TD; Gus Lambert 12-35; Antonio Smolinsky 1-8; Christian Febbo 3-0; Braedon Almas 1 - (-5); Collin Allard 8- (-8); Team 2 - (-19).

Receiving: Michael Lawler 16-403, 3 TDs; Noah Spencer 12-208, 1 TD; Brett Ebert 8-118, 2 TDs; Hunter Sands 10-96; Christian Febbo 7-88; Peter LeBlanc 3-30, 1 TD; Cam Pereira 1-5.

Scoring: Michael Lawler 7 TDs, 1 conversion, 44 points; Peter LeBlanc 4 TDs, 24 points; Julian Cella 4 TDs, 24 points; Dempsey Murphy 4 TDs, 24 points; Jacob Roque 2 TDs, 5 conversions, 22 points; Hunter Sands 15 PAT kicks, 1 Field Goal, 18 points; Brett Ebert, 2 TDs, 12 points; Noah Spencer 1 TD, 6 points; Nick Iascone 1 TD, 6 points.

*Doesn't include Stoneham game.

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Magical ride comes to an end for U8 Pop Warner team

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LYNN- On Sunday, The Wilmington U8 tackle football team traveled to Manning Field in Lynn to take on Brockton in the Division Two Eastern Mass. Super Bowl Game.

Ultimately, Wilmington fell by a score of 13-7 in an overtime thriller on the crisp and rainy Sunday morning.

Heading into Sunday's contest, the Wildcats posted a 4-4 regular season record, winning their respective conference and earning them a bid into the playoffs where they topped Brookline last week.

Wilmington came out firing in the game's first possession, having a long

drive taking up over seven minutes of the first quarter. Quarterback Brendan Gemelli led the way out of the gate, picking up a total of 18 rushing yards in the first drive.

The Wildcat defense also came out hot, forcing two key penalties to pin Brockton on their three yard line. The hard work of the defensive linemen and defensive ends Kody Castellano, Eoghan Barry, Dylan Alvarado, Finn Warford, Matty Marino, Cameron Joseph, and Duran McDonald then forced a Brockton turnover, igniting a start to their solid defensive play throughout the morning.

Defense turned into offense for Wilmington when Brendan Gemelli



The Wilmington Pop Warner U8 team finished as the Super Bowl runner-up after playing Brockton this past Sunday. The team includes, bottom row from left, Jackson Walton, George Edwards, Tyler Noble, Gino Borges, Jacob Beaudoin, Aiden Layton, Spencer McSweeney, Kian Smith and Cole Gifford; Second row from left, Biavany Noel, Duran McDonald, Cameron Joseph, Finn Warford, Dylan Alvarado, Michael Annarelli, Kody Castellano, Liam Malloy, Matty Marino, Eoghan Barry and Brendan Gemelli; and top row from left, coaches Dan Gemelli, Dan Barry, Angel Alvarado, Curtis Gifford, Derrick Beaudoin, Nick Castellano and Ryan Layton. (courtesy photo).

Bryson emerging as an elite runner, leader

FROM B1W

race held at Stanley Park at Westfield State College. She helped the Wildcats finish sixth as a team and once again qualify for the All-State Meet to be held this Saturday at Fort Devens in Ayer. Her 15th place finish earned her the last individual medal of the day, and that is now added to the medal she earned two weeks earlier when she finished seventh at the Middlesex League Championship Meet to earn All-Conference honors.

"Hannah has worked very hard and it's all paying off. I'm really impressed with how well she has done this season, and how much she has improved. She is someone who we can count on to do well," said head coach Joe Patrone.

Like all runners and all athletes, the off-season work is what makes a mediocre athlete into a good one, a good one into a great one and a great one into one of the best. Bryson has elevated her status over the last year-plus.

"During the summer, Addy and I ran together every day - well six a days a week. We would meet up every morning and go on our long runs together. We did between 30 to 40 miles a week," Bryson explained. "Running has become such a big part of my life and this team, too. I enjoy going on runs with them every day. I run with Mallory (Brown) every day in practice and we talk about everything that's going on in our lives. It's a break from everything else that's going on."

All of that running has helped each runner individually but more important than that, it has drastically helped the team/program, not just with their times, but the team chemistry and confidence in each other.

"Today went really well as a team. We were expecting to go to All-Stars," said Bryson. "(Assistant) Coach (Brian) Shepard told us before the meet that even if we run in the middle of what we have been doing, we should place seventh and if we all do really, really well, we could get as high as fourth place. And we came in fifth. We are all really excited to be going to the All-Stars and we went last year too.

"None of us are ready for this season to be over with just yet. It's been very exciting."

Wilmington was able to qualify for the All-Stars because of the five members on the team who have all put in the work.

"Addy is our number one runner and she was doing really, really well at the start of the season and then she had a rough couple of weeks, but today she really pulled out an awe-

some performance and came in 13th.

"Charlotte (Kiley) is our third runner and she is crazy good. She's an eighth grader and this is just her second year of running. She's right on my heels most of the time. Mallory is a senior and she's been doing great.

This is her first year of running. She really didn't know what to expect going into the season so this is very exciting for her too.

"Mia (Stryhalaleck) is our fifth runner and she did a lot of training over the summer. She has improved so much and that was very clear after today's race. At the end of the race, she had an awesome kick."

The five of them have constantly pushed one another, and also helped each other during the good days and the days when some of the girls just didn't have it. Case in point, the last regular season meet. With the win and the league title on the line, Bryson helped out her running buddy.

"We came around the second mile and Addy was saying that she wasn't feeling well so I was like 'OK, I've got to really put in the work now'. I was never really expecting to pass her and never really wanted to," explained Bryson. "It's never been a goal of mine as there's no competition there. But I saw the opportunity and I said to myself that 'I have to go for this' and I ended up coming in first and Addy was second, in front of the Wakefield girl and everyone else."

Bryson's push led her to a first place overall finish, which ultimately gave the team the win, and its second straight league title and second straight undefeated season (11-0 combined).

"We have a small team, but everyone who is on the team is very committed. Everyone comes to practice wanting to get better and goes to the race wanting to do well so that's a big part of it," said Bryson, who has a younger brother Theo, who plays baseball.

Another big part of her success is her coaches and training regiment. Patrone passed the torch to Shepard, saying he deserves a lot of the credit.

"This training that we are doing this season with Coach Shepard has really helped Hannah out and has worked with her very well," he said. "She's more of a long distance runner so with her I think the longer the race, the better that she'll do. I know in the spring, we will put her in the two-mile but cross-country has really worked out well for her so if she decides to run in college, I think she will do well."

ran four yards into the endzone for the Wildcats' lone score with 1:42 remaining in the opening quarter of action. Tyler Noble then converted the extra point, putting Wilmington ahead 7-0.

Gemelli finished the day with an impressive 63 yards rushing, and Wilmington Head Coach Nick Castellano was proud of his efforts.

"He was fantastic. He's been great all year (and) I'm very proud of him. He hung in there, it's obviously a pressure cooker game (yet he did great), said Castellano.

The Wilmington offense also featured a solid day from Tyler Noble, adding 19 yards rushing to his extra point conversion.

The rest of the way, the Wilmington offense was only able to produce 59 yards of offense, finding trouble converting third downs against a talented Brockton defense.

With 5:42 remaining in the first half, Brockton got on the board to tie the game at seven.

However, the Wildcat defense kept giving themselves a chance, forcing four total turnovers. Less than a minute into the second half, Biavany Noel recovered a Brockton fumble, giving Wilmington another offensive opportunity from a turnover.

Many Wildcats assisted on tackles throughout the game, including Finn Warford, Jacob Beaudoin, Tyler Noble, Gino Borges, Cameron Joseph, Spencer McSweeney, Kody Castellano, and a huge tackle from Biavany Noel that forced a Brockton punt late in the third quarter.

Kody Castellano also had some very strong punts for Wilmington, forcing Brockton to start with some uncomfortable field positions.

Kody Castellano was able to score on a fourth and four in overtime to give them the 13-7 lead, where Wilmington was unable to answer. Despite the loss, the Wildcats battled hard and Castellano is proud of

his team's efforts.

"I think they did the best they could given the situation. Every player played their butts off (and) played as good as they possibly could have played for this game, said Castellano following the loss.

It was a long path to Sunday's Super Bowl game for the U8 Wildcats, as last season's squad notched only one win in a season where they recorded two total touchdowns.

"This year (was a) big difference (and a) big turnaround. We had great players, great coaches (and) everybody worked hard," said Castellano. "I can't be happier with the players (and) the coaches. We scored well over 15 touchdowns this year, so big difference (from last season)."

With the resurgence of the U8 team this season, Castellano is excited about what the future holds for the entire Wilmington Pop Warner program.

"One thing that this sea-

son 100 percent will have done is I think it's bringing a lot of excitement to Wilmington," said Castellano. "Our numbers were up for Pop Warner this year (when) in the past couple years they have been down. So I think we had a lot of excitement here and a lot of people coming to cheer us on (and) kids that are saying they want to play next year so I think this was a great step in the right direction for the program."

Members of the U8 Pop Warner squad on Sunday's championship game included: Matty Marino, Aiden Layton, Brendan Gemelli, Gino Borges, Jacob Beaudoin, Cameron Joseph, Cole Gifford, Tyler Noble, Finn Warford, Michael Annarelli, Jackson Walton, George Edwards, Spencer McSweeney, Kody Castellano, Biavany Noel, Dylan Alvarado, Duran McDonald, Eoghan Barry, Kian Smith, and Liam Malloy.



Above the WHS Boys Cross-Country team includes in no particular order: Roman Moretti (2023), Christian Niceforo (2023), Jameson Burns (2024) Connor Burns (2026), Jake Cronin (2026), David Dynan, (2026), Michael Dynan (2024), Spencer Bagatz (2025), Nathan Cardin (2024), Noah Carriere (2023), Dean Ciampa (2025), Evan Cummings (2026), Gavin Dong (2026), Brayden Gorski (2023) and Vihbush Sivakumar (2026); and below are the team's four seniors from left, Christian Niceforo, Roman Moretti, Noah Carriere and Brayden Gorski.

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Boys Cross-Country team finishes 10th

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a really good race to become our top finisher. Dean (Ciampa) and Gavin (Dong) were behind him and they both ran well."

Burns was 32nd overall with a time of 17:33.80 and he was followed by Ciampa, who was 41st in 17:50.57, Dong, who was 57th in 18:66.29, Roman Moretti, who was 82nd in 18:30.85 and Jake Cronin, who was 88th in 18:40.74.

This meet concluded the team's season, as well as the careers of four seniors including Brayden Gorski, Christian Niceforo, Noah Carriere and Moretti.

"Roman has just come so far. I remember he was a freshman running 23 minutes and for him to be doing what he's done now, he just has come a long way," said Patrone. "Braydon and Noah this

was their first year of doing cross-country. Noah was a sprinter and one of our top dash kids during the indoor track season and now after running cross-country, he wants to concentrate on the 400 and the 600, so cross-country was good for him. He will reap the benefits this winter."

For next fall, almost the entire team comes back,

giving Patrone a lot of hope.

"This is a team that we're looking for in the future. Roman is the only senior in our top five and we have other kids like Vihbush Brothers David and Michael, who continue to improve so we're really looking forward to next year."

WHS Hall of Fame Profile

Fahey among the all-time best hoop players

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WILMINGTON - On the same night, the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame Committee inducted two of the all-time best basketball players in the history of both the boys and girls programs - who both because of injuries, missed out on scoring 1,000 points in their careers.

"It's really something to imagine, how many points and the total accomplishments and accolades that Amy Fahey King would have scored and received, had she not missed half of her four year career with multiple hip injuries.

She played one game as a freshman, got hurt and did come back to play a few minutes here and there in the team's state tournament run to the sectional final. During her sophomore year, she had to wear a medical belt around her hip just to compete. Late in the season, she fractured her

player to do so, following Ashley Vitale. Kylie DuCharme did it several years ago. Much like Vinny Scifo, who was also inducted and fell just shy of 1,000 points, Fahey's injuries didn't define her, but certainly were hurdles that she had to overcome on a day-to-day basis.

"The first thing I remember was all of the support and check-ins I received when I was in the hospital and on bed rest," said Fahey, when asked to recall the memories of those injuries. "So many people sent messages, gifts or stopped by to check in. I remember that Coach (Jay) Keane met us in the hospital right after the game, which if you know Coach Keane, is not a surprise but that was definitely something that meant a lot to me.

"A lot of my memories that I have now around my hip injuries are actually lighthearted and funny. I remember everyone always joking around about how I had to wear a

Coaches, trainers and my teammates really helped me through what would've been a really hard time for me. Although, frustrated, I remember being grateful that I was able to come back after both injuries which isn't always the case with athletes. My brother Shawn had an injury that he wasn't able to return to football afterwards, I can't imagine how hard that would've been."

Shawn had to go under emergency brain surgery weeks after suffering a concussion in football. While he never came back to play football, he became a state champion javelin thrower. Her other brother Zach, was an incredible basketball player, too. On the same night that Amy scored 31 points against ME, Zach did one better, scoring 32.

"I always looked up to my brothers growing up. I still do, they are two of my best friends. Both of them had very successful athletic careers at WHS, they are amazing athletes and even better people," she said. "I think when I was younger, I didn't realize how much of an impact they had on my athletic life."

"I have some really meaningful memories of playing basketball in the backyard with the two of them and my dad. I feel like at that time, I was frustrated that they were all so good and I was trying to just keep up, but in reality it was these experiences that helped me to grow athletically."

"I remember in one interview (with the Town Crier) Zachary and I were asked separately who was better at basketball and I, without a doubt, said him. To my surprise when I read the article, Zack had said the opposite, along with some comments about my accomplishments. I remember how much this meant to me."

"They have always supported me. Shawn would come to as many Fitchburg State games as he could. I remember both of them, as well as my parents, being in my cheering section when I broke the FSU scoring record and to have their support meant the world to me."

"In her four years of basketball - take away the injuries - Fahey was one of the best who has ever played. She clearly dominated games with her incredible speed, fast break points, her 15-foot jumpers and just her overall competitiveness."

"She finished with 987 points, she was part of a team that finished with a record of 59-31, which included six state tournament victories. She was

named a three-time Cape Ann League All-Conference player, a Harry Agganis All-Star and game MVP, she was a three-time Lowell Sun First Team All-Star and was the Cape Ann League's Large School Player of the Year. She ranks third all-time in program history in points, trailing Vitale and DuCharme.

"What else can I say about Amy? She's been through so much in her career," said Keane, after Amy's final game in a Wildcat uniform back in 2010. "From being hurt during her freshman year, really hurt the end of her sophomore year, and she almost scored 1,000 points and that's phenomenal. She's a great kid, a hard worker and I'm going to miss her. We have a really good relationship and I really hope to see her play at Fitchburg State next year."

After leaving WHS, Fahey went on to become the greatest player in Fitchburg State history. She was a three-year starter, a first team All-Conference player, the 2012 MASCAC Female Athlete of the Year and broke the school's all-time scoring record back in 2014, finishing with 1,479 points, breaking the record of 1,476 points previously held by Lynn Dorow back in the 1991 season.

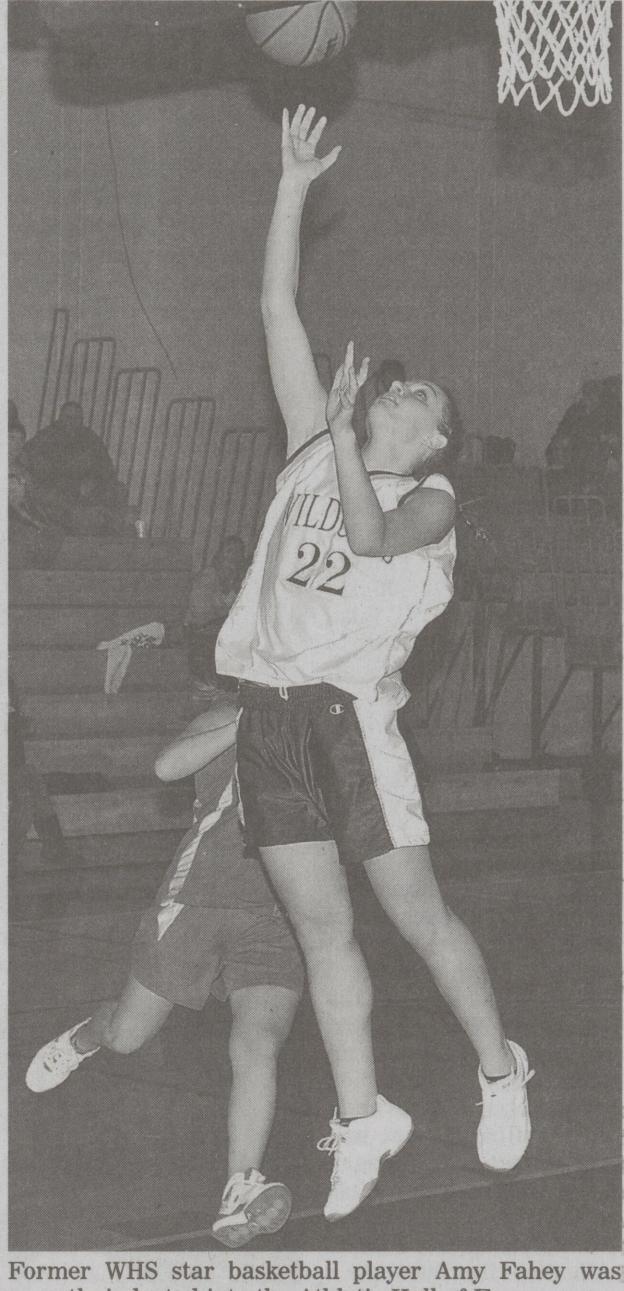
Among Amy's highlights was scoring 39 points in a win over UMass-Boston, which broke a 20-year record for most points in a game. At one point of her career she was averaging over 28 points per game.

Certainly her big games in both college and before that in high school, are truly exceptional. She said that her memories are more about the people she met along the way.

"I think for me, the biggest thing with my time playing at WHS was the meaningful relationships formed throughout the years," she said. "The relationships formed with my coaches and my teammates is something I will always remember about playing sports through school. We all became a little family throughout the years. I really have so many fun, wonderful memories from high school basketball and they all include the meaningful times spent with my WHS family."

Besides basketball, Fahey also dabbled in volleyball and spring track during her Wildcat days.

"Volleyball was a lot of fun. Some of the basketball girls also played volleyball so it was fun having



Former WHS star basketball player Amy Fahey was recently inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. (file photo).

ing the same close teammates for two sports in a row each season," she said. "My most memorable time of track was from my freshman year, both of my brothers were also on the track team at the same time so it was pretty amazing being able to watch them compete. I would say that having that experience with my brothers was definitely a WHS highlight for me."

"I remember after my hip injury, I was unable to compete in a lot of track events but Shawn suggested that I try the javelin. I don't think he was too impressed with my javelin throwing, so he suggested I try the discus, which was a lot of fun and actually one of my teachers, (Mike) Kinney was my coach and he was a joy to work with."

Fahey wanted to publicly thank her coaches and teammates, but more importantly six people, who really helped and supported her every step of her athletic career - and away from the courts as well.

"I would thank the amazing coaches that I have had over the years. Coach Keane had such a big impact on me on and off the court. I still look to him for life advice every now and then. My teammates I had over the years, some of whom became my closest friends," she said. "Thank you to my parents for coming to every game, no matter where it

was and sitting right in the front row so that I always knew where to find you. My mom for the encouraging words, my dad for all the sideline coaching during games and the meaningful advice after games. And lastly thank you to my brothers for teaching me the ropes on our backyard basketball court back in the day."

After her basketball and competitive days ended, Fahey graduated from Fitchburg and entered "The Real World".

"After graduating from Fitchburg State, I moved to Worcester where I started teaching Kindergarten. I stayed at my Kindergarten job in Worcester for seven years and I absolutely loved it. During this time, I coached under my senior year coach at Fitchburg Coach (David) Bostick for a year and then I was as an assistant at Becker (all while completing) my Masters degree in Education."

"I met some pretty amazing people during my time in the Worcester County, including my husband Paul, who I met in my first year teaching. He is a teacher and a high school basketball coach and we actually met on a basketball court at an orientation while we were both shooting around. Currently I am working in Weston as a Kindergarten teacher and we have just moved to Chelmsford as we welcome our newest family member in December."

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The Greater Lawrence Baseball Umpires Association and the Merrimack Valley Baseball Association are once again excited to offer training for anyone interested in becoming a MBUA "patched" Baseball Umpire!

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Also signing his NLI was Wilmington High senior Nathan Aliberti who will be playing lacrosse at St. Anselm College. Sharing the big moment with him includes his parents Chris and Tracie. The Town Crier will have a story (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Hall of Fame Profile

McLaughlin was the ultimate athlete, team player

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Much like the football program, which has had a long list of terrific quarterbacks and running backs, the Wilmington High School Softball team has had quite the list when it comes to top-notch catchers. Back on November 5th, Brittney McLaughlin Willard was one of two signal callers to be inducted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

And while Willard joins former athletes such as fellow Hall of Famers Judy O'Connell, Jackie Rubino and Lisa Southmayd as catchers to be enshrined, as dominating as she was in that position during her high school days, her best sport was actually soccer, which she went on to play four years at Curry College, serving as a captain. She was discovered by the Curry coach at the time, when he was out scouting another player.

Willard had quite the career at WHS. She was elected captain of all three sports as a senior, with soccer, indoor track and softball. She was named both the Dr. Fagan Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year as well as the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year.

In soccer, she was all-conference as a senior as well as second team Eastern Mass and First Team Lowell Sun, and a league all-star the previous two seasons. She led the team in scoring in each of her junior and senior seasons, ending her career with 26 goals and 10 assists.

In track, she was a state qualifier in several events and was a sprinter mostly.

Then in softball, she was a three-time Cape Ann League All-Conference selection and a Lowell Sun First Team All-Star as a senior.

While her accomplishments are pretty impressive, she was most of all a complete team player, who did everything she could to make her teammates and the program better.

"Brittney's a first class person. She's just a very coachable kid, who does a lot of things for us and who will do anything to help the team," said softball coach Audrey Cabral-Pini, back in the winter of 2009 when Willard was named the TC's Athlete of the Year. "She's not about individual stats at all - it's always about the team wins. When she's catching, I'll ask her to give me her thoughts on the pitch-



Brittney McLaughlin was inducted into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame after a stellar career in softball as well as soccer (file photos).



paid off. As a junior, she batted .378 with three home runs with 24 RBI and 16 runs scored. As a senior, she batted .431 with a .541 on base percentage, while slugging three more home runs, with five triples, six doubles and she also swiped ten bases.

Again none of those numbers ever meant anything to her. It was all about the team's numbers - of wins.

"I have so many amazing memories from playing softball over the years. From coaches to teammates, in both high school and tournament softball. Most of the girls I played softball with had been teammates for years and we definitely got really close. From our games that went into extra innings, to league rivalries, we all really got into the games and were all so committed to being better.

"After graduating high school and finishing up our senior year it was really tough for me to see myself on another team. I ended up not pursuing softball in college for the main reason that no other team would be able to compare to my teammates and coaches I had my senior year."

Thus she played four years of collegiate soccer.

That came after a stellar career as a striker for Sue Hendee's teams. When

the many hours in the batting cages certainly

McLaughlin played her final game in a Wildcat uniform, her 36 career points ranked ninth in program history.

"Brittney is an excellent all-around athlete," said Hendee back in 2009. "As a soccer player, she combines speed, intensity, skill, and a strong understanding of the game every time she steps on the field. She is a motivating leader and caring teammate with high expectations of herself and the team; she was an outstanding captain. She has always strived to improve herself as a player, even though she has started for the varsity team since her freshman year.

"She has been our leading scorer for the past two years, CAL All-Star last year, CAL All-League (top 16 players in the league), Eastern Mass Division II Second Team selection, and team MVP this year. Brittney has gotten better and better every year, and I don't think she has reached her full potential. I see her as being a successful college player as well."

And she was.

Looking back at her high school days, Willard said, although the team struggled at times and missed qualifying for the state tournament, she has nothing but fond memories.

"I am not sure I have a favorite team, but just being part of such fun and close knit teams throughout my high school career was really special," she said. "Most of us had been playing soccer together since we were little. Some moments that come to mind are the team dinners we used to have, each week a member of the team would host a dinner at their house - usually before a game. The second being able to play under the lights at the high school is something I'll always remember."

Her third sport was track-and-field. She spent three years as a member of the indoor team. During her junior year, she was part of the 4x200 relay team which finished third at the Cape Ann League Championship Meet.

"I got into winter track as a way to stay in shape for softball, I knew if I didn't join some sort of sport I would be such a slug in the winter," she said with a laugh.

"I grew to love winter track over the years. One challenge

was learning how to run in the cold - and I hate the cold. Another was really conditioning myself for the 300-meter race, it was about 100 meters too long. Over the seasons I learned how to condition myself and train which actually really helped me train for soccer in the following years. Some of my favorite memories were competing at the Reggie Lewis Center and running in the relay competitions. Everything is so much more fun when you're competing with others."

And that was also always the case at home. Brittney is the oldest of three girls, with younger sisters Taylor and Michaela (Mickey), the latter a former ice hockey player at the University of New England.

"We were all so competitive growing up from always trying to beat each other in board games to trying to steal someone's new clothes to wear it first," said Brittney with a laugh. "We used to fight and pick on each other so much growing up, but we have become so close as we all got older. I also grew up with so many cousins and neighbors that were about the same age as me and we all got so competitive with whatever game we were playing. It definitely taught me how to turn a loss into motivation to win the next time."

Willard continued a family trait and earned a nursing degree from Curry and is a nurse at Boston Medical. She recently got married, and she and her husband Scott reside in Salem, Mass. The couple is expecting a baby boy in February.

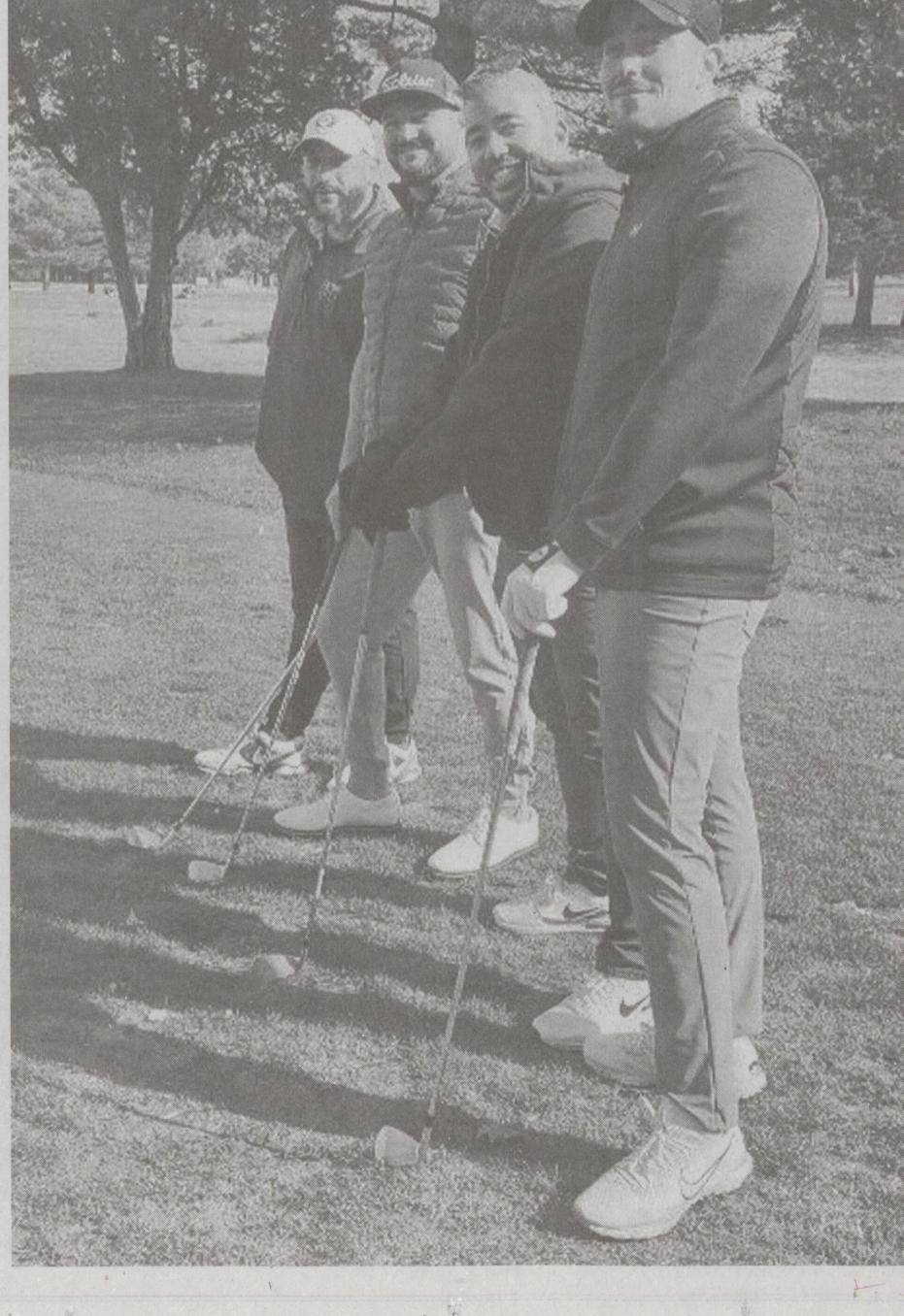
During her Hall of Fame speech, Willard thanked her immediate family, as well as her coaches and teammates, who all made her experience at WHS such a joy.

"First I want to say thank you to the Hall of Fame Committee for including me in such a special night. Thank you to my coaches and teammates. I would not have had the career I had without so many amazing players and coaches to make me a better player.

And most importantly to my parents Glenn and Nancy and sisters Taylor and Mickey for not only supporting me throughout my athletic career but with everything I have done in my personal life as well."



The 12th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Wilmington Sons/Daughters of Italy and the Italian Heritage Month Committee, was held at the Hillview Golf Course in North Reading on Friday, October 28th. Twenty-eight teams of four competed for prizes and participated in contests on the challenging course. When all was said and done, the golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious luncheon buffet prepared by Mr. Jack's Catering Service. As usual, the Chairman of this charitable event, Kevin Caira, ably assisted by his wife, Cheryl, organized a terrific day. In addition to lunch, players enjoyed a continental breakfast, hot dog/chips/drink at the turn, and a player gift including golf balls and monogrammed sweatshirt. Over the years this tournament has raised \$50,000+ to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. Pictured above includes, the first place team from left, Greg Lepke, Phil Boncore, Robert Boncore and Ed Amico; and to the right, the second place team holding their favorite club from left includes, Joe Sbraccia, Jason D'Avolio, Chris Popp and Jon Whitcomb. (courtesy photos).



Rams defense comes up big, leads team to second round playoff win

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BILLERICA - If there was one sequence that changed last Thursday's Div. 5 quarterfinal contest between the Shawsheen Tech football team and visiting Old Rochester, it came early in the second quarter of the 27-20 victory by Shawsheen.

At the time, the Rams had just taken a 14-13 lead over the Bulldogs, but the visitors had scored on two consecutive possessions, both courtesy of long runs through the Shawsheen line.

On the next Old Rochester drive, the Ram line made two good stops to set up a third-and-four from the Bulldog 25-yard line. That's when Ram juniors Austin Malandain and Richard Elliott III burst through the Old Rochester defense and forced an incomplete pass by 'Dog quarterback Noah Sommers.

The defensive stop made a statement.

The talented Bulldogs were going to have to switch to Plan B.

"They're a real tough football team," Ram coach Al Costabile said of Old Rochester. "We missed on a couple of assignments early on option and they gashed us, but then we were able to clean it up. I thought we stopped the dive tremendously and forced them to only be able to attack the outside with the option. I thought our D tackles did a great job and our middle linebackers too."

Old Rochester punted on fourth down and if momentum hadn't swung

completely in Shawsheen's direction, it certainly did after the next three plays.

On first down from the Ram 48-yard line, speedy junior Evan Galanis of Tewksbury picked up 18 yards on a sweep. Junior Caleb Caceres of Billerica then barreled for a 33-yard run to the goal line before finishing the drive with a 1-yard touchdown. Sophomore Jack Finn of Billerica kicked the extra point and the Rams led 21-13 with eight minutes to go in the first half.

The Bulldogs, who scored 47 points in their first-round victory, wouldn't score again until 6:46 remained in the fourth quarter.

"We knew that if we kept the ball on offense and kept them on defense, we'd be good," said junior Zachary Rogers of Wilmington.

"I think we came in as the underdog even though we were the higher seed," said Shawsheen senior Mavrick Bourdeau of Billerica, who scored the final Ram touchdown as quarterback with sophomore starting QB Sid Tildsley nursing a calf cramp.

"We had that mindset all week and we worked hard this week. Even though the game got moved up (from Friday to Thursday because of weather concerns), we were still ready. I couldn't be more proud of the boys."

After the Rams scored, Old Rochester moved the ball inside Shawsheen's 30-yard before another big play by Malandain and Elliott, who chased Sommers out of the pocket on fourth-and-seven



Shawsheen Tech sophomore quarterback Sidney Tildsley is about to run into a wall of Old Rochester players, including Andrew Geary, James LeClair and William Geary during Friday night's home playoff win.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

before Elliott recorded a sack for an 8-yard loss.

The teams exchanged interceptions before half-time, junior Ryan Copson of Wilmington intercepting Sommers and senior Landon Maxwell picking off Tildsley.

The Ram defense continued to answer the call in the second half.

Old Rochester went three-and-out on its first drive and after starting its next possession at Shawsheen's 30-yard line after an interception by senior Jackson Martin, the Bulldogs had to settle for a 32-yard field goal attempt that missed wide to the right.

The Rams drove 80 yards after the missed kick and eventually scored on a 7-yard run by

Bourdeau with 9:47 remaining.

"Next man up, that's how it is," said Bourdeau, who actually played quarterback as a freshman and sophomore and even a little as a junior before being converted completely to receiver. "I'm a baseball player, I like to throw, that's how it is. I was happy to get back there (at quarterback), but I was like 'I hope (Sid) gets back soon so we can get back to work.'"

He did.

And they did.

Old Rochester finally scored again three minutes later as senior Walter Rosher scored on a 5-yard run.

The Shawsheen offensive line then helped secure the victory, helping the offense pile up three first downs in an 11-play drive that chewed almost five and a half minutes off of the clock.

When the Bulldogs started their final drive, only 1:20 remained and the ball was at the Old Rochester 20-yard line.

Two plays later, Tildsley intercepted Sommers to end the game and put the Rams into the state semifinals and one step away

from a trip to Gillette Stadium.

"It was fitting that (Tildsley) made that pick-off to end the game," Costabile said. "That was great anticipation. He saw the whole field and reacted very well. He sure does a lot."

The game started well for Shawsheen as the opening kickoff was bobbled by ORR senior Rudy Arsenault, who was tackled at the 3-yard line.

A big hit by sophomore Cullen Walsh on second down eventually forced a Bulldog punt that Tildsley returned 22 yards to the ORR 43-yard line.

First-down tosses by Tildsley to Caceres for 14 yards and Galanis for 19 helped set up Tildsley's 1-yard touchdown with 6:50 left in the first quarter.

Old Rochester then got clicking, taking its next drive 66 yards to the end zone to tie the score.

A 31-yard run by Rosher and an 11-yard pass from Sommers to Maxwell eventually led to a 25-yard touchdown run by Sommers. Junior Remy Wilson added the extra point with 4:13 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs got the ball

back quickly and scored 79 seconds later when Sommers burst loose for a 60-yard touchdown run. The extra point missed, but the visitors had a 13-7 lead.

"We just said 'We still have three more quarters,'" Galanis said. "There was so much more we could do."

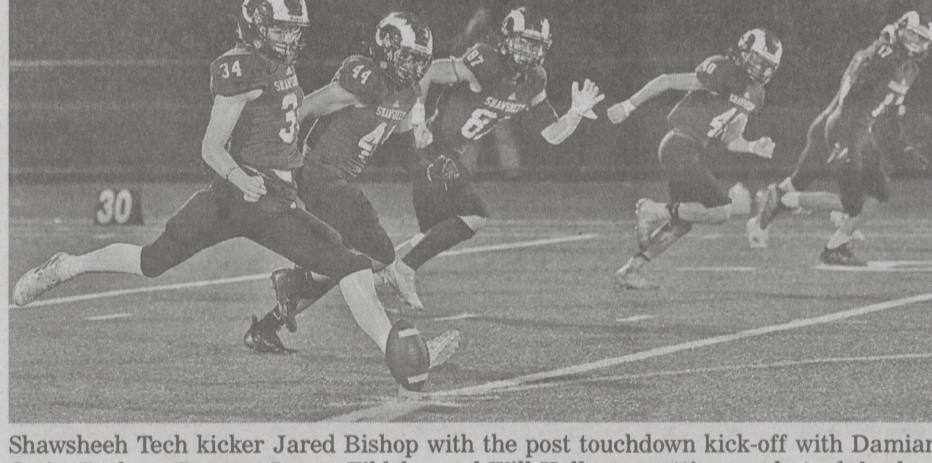
Shawsheen answered with a crucial drive engineered by Tildsley.

The Rams moved 70 yards in seven plays and the quarterback had a hand in every one of them, rushing four times for 29 yards and completing passes to Copson (23 yards) and Bourdeau (7 yards) before finishing things with a 1-yard touchdown run.

Finn's point-after made it 14-13 just 58 seconds into the second quarter.

That's when the Shawsheen defense took over and helped set up this weekend's semifinal contest against Dover Sherborn.

"It's pretty cool," added Galanis. "We might get to play where Tom Brady played."



Shawsheen Tech kicker Jared Bishop with the post touchdown kick-off with Damion Ortiz, Zachary Rogers, James Tildsley and Will Holloway getting ready to defend.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Rogers emerging as a big weapon

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BILLERICA - There's no denying that the Shawsheen Tech football team has weapons.

Lots of weapons.

The Rams averaged more than 30 points per game through their first six victories including 44 in a shellacking of Manchester Essex.

Then, suddenly, amazingly, things got even better.

Junior receiver Zachary Rogers of Wilmington, already a force defensively for Shawsheen, emerged on the other side of the ball in a road game against Northeast Regional at Wakefield High.

All Rogers did that night was score two touchdowns, one with a reception of 76 yards, as the Rams clinched a division championship.

"That was his coming out party," Costabile said. "And he has just carried it over. The second half of the year, he's taken it to a different level. He's found himself and I think he's becoming aware of what he can do. He sure can do a lot."

"I don't even know what happened halfway through the season," laughed Rogers, who studies plumbing at Shawsheen. "It was just kind of a wakeup call at Northeast. My team needed me to come through so that's what I tried my best

to do. After that, I just kept rolling."

While defenses already enough headaches dealing with Tildsley, Caceres, Bourdeau, Copson, Galanis and several others, suddenly, big No. 87 is part of the equation?

Really?

Old Rochester Regional got a healthy dose of Rogers last Thursday night as the Rams topped the Bulldogs 27-20 to advance to the Div. 5 state semifinals.

"This feels amazing," Rogers said after the win. "We're one step closer to (playing at) Gillette (Stadium) and one step closer to making history at Shawsheen. It's so fun."

Rogers started Shawsheen's first scoring drive with a 4-yard reception and added a catch for 14 yards late in the first half.

The second half, however, is when Rogers really stepped up.

After ORR missed a field goal, Shawsheen drove 80 yards for a touchdown that turned an eight-point lead into a 14-point advantage early in the fourth quarter.

Rogers started the possession with a reception of 20 yards and then added a critical 18-yard reception on a third-and-seven play from the Bulldog 43-yard line.

"I have to bring my A Game and do my best for the team," Rogers said. "Everything that I do wrong, I take it personally."

and just try to do better the next time."

"He's realizing his own potential," Costabile added of Rogers. "Which is a great thing to see."

In all, Rogers finished the evening with five catches for 53 yards.

"He's worked harder than anyone I know in the weight room," senior Mavrick Bourdeau of Billerica said. "He's up there until 8:30 every single night, working and working. I couldn't be prouder of him. He works so hard."

After the Ram touchdown, Rogers reminded ORR that he plays defense too, sacking quarterback Noah Sommers on first down.

"He's a moose, he's huge," said Bourdeau. "I play basketball with him too so I love the kid to death."

Old Rochester eventually faced a third-and-20 and nearly had to punt before a trick play that led to a 37-yard reception on a halfback option pass.

ORR scored with 6:46 to go and cut the lead to seven, but Shawsheen would hold on.

"That," Rogers said after the win, "was a stressful game. Not many (gave Shawsheen) a chance to win, they look past us because we're a Tech school."

A Tech school with weapons.

Lots of weapons.

Shawsheen Football Box Score and Stats

SHAWSHEEN 27, OLD ROCHESTER 20

Old Rochester	13	0	0	7	-20
Shawsheen (10-0)	13	8	0	6	-27

ST: Sidney Tildsley 1 run (Jack Finn kick)

OR: Noah Sommers 30 run (Remy Wilson kick)

OR: Sommers 55 run (Wilson kick)

ST: Tildsley 5 run (Finn kick)

ST: Caleb Caceres 3 run (Finn kick)

ST: Mavrick Bourdeau 9 run (kick failed)

OR: Walter Rosher 15 run (Gavin Martin kick)

Team Stats

OR	ST
10	21
32-216	32-234
2-8-2	10-18-2
48	105
264	339
7-60	1-10
0-0	0-0

Individual Stats

Passing: OR, Noah Sommers 2-for-7, 48 yards, 0 TDs, 2 INTs; Noah Bongiorno 0-for-1, 0 yards; ST, Sidney Tildsley 10-for-18, 105 yards, 0 TDs, 2 INTs.

Rushing: OR, Noah Sommers 9-109, 2 TDs; Walter Rosher 11-93, 1 TD; Jackson Martin 10-12; Mateo Pina 1-2; Harrison Hughes 1-0; ST, Sidney Tildsley 12-70, 2 TDs; Caleb Caceres 10-63, 1 TD; Evan Galanis 4-40; Zachary Rogers 2-40; Mavrick Bourdeau 4-21, 1 TD.

Receiving: OR, Landon Maxwell 2-48; ST, Ryan Copson 5-59; Evan Galanis 1-27; Zachary Rogers 1-7; Caleb Caceres 2-6.

SEASON STATS

Opponents	Score By Quarters
Shawsheen	27 20 48 -143
Opponents	101 52 59 -314

Team Stats

Opp	ST
113	156
291-1,463	2143-1,457
91-177-15	108-195-9
1,073	1,788
2,536	3,245
47-402	37-370
3-3	2-2

Individual Stats

Passing: Shawsheen, Sidney Tildsley 99-for-181, 1,533 yards, 20 TDs, 8 INTs; Mavrick Bourdeau 9-for-13, 255 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT.

Rushing: Shawsheen, Sidney Tildsley, 90-523, 8 TDs; Caleb Caceres, 82



Shawsheen Tech senior wide receiver Mavrick Bourdeau makes a fantastic one-handed catch over Old Rochester's Remy Wilson during Friday's home playoff win. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Rams to face No. 8 seed Dover Sherborn in semi-finals

By DOUG HASTINGS
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BILLERICA - On Saturday in the Div. 5 state semifinals in Weston, the Shawsheen Tech football team will face a squad that Ram coach Al Costabile agrees is quite similar to his own group.

"We do have a lot of similarities," Costabile said of Dover Sherborn.

Like the fourth-seeded Rams, the eighth-seeded Raiders are 10-0 heading into the contest coming off of playoff victories against Watertown and a Hudson High team that was also undefeated before the quarterfinal showdown.

While Dover Sherborn is a solid offensive group, the team's defense has been dominant.

"Everybody is talking about their offense, which is very explosive and has a number of weapons, but I think in that discussion is a general overlooking of what has been a very effective defense," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "It's very impressive."

In ten games, the Raiders have allowed just

68 points, just under seven points per game.

DS has recorded three shutouts and allowed only seven points four times.

The best wins of the year for the Raiders included a 16-0 victory over Sharon and an 18-12 triumph against Bellingham. DS also topped Norton and Ashland this year.

"They're very good on both sides of the ball," Costabile said of the Raiders. "They have very active linebackers that do a very good job of getting to the football. They're very balanced defensively."

The Raiders had to come from behind in both of their postseason victories, trailing by a 14-12 score at halftime against Watertown before winning 28-14 and falling behind 7-0 in the first quarter in Hudson before rallying for a 20-7 victory.

Junior quarterback Garrett Webb leads the DS offense and, like Shawsheen sophomore signal-caller Sidney Tildsley, has plenty of options when he fades

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Mike Ippolito archived story

Back in 2010, Rams defeated MP in semi-finals

In this week's edition, we thought it would be fitting to re-run Mike Ippolito's story of the Shawsheen Tech Football team's semi-final playoff win over Madison Park, which put the Rams into the Super Bowl. This Saturday, the Rams need a win in the semi-finals over Dover Sherborn to get back into the Super Bowl for the first time since that 2010 season.

This story appeared in the December 1st, 2010 edition of the Town Crier.

By MIKE IPPOLITO

Sports Correspondent

SUDSBURY - History was made on the artificial turf of Lincoln Sudbury High School on Tuesday night. For the first time since 1978 the Shawsheen Tech football team clinched a spot in the Super Bowl, winning their first ever MIAA playoff game with a 21-0 victory over Madison Park in the semi-finals of the Division 4 playoffs.

Shawsheen improved to 10-1 on the season with the win, while Boston North League champion Madison Park finished their season at 8-2. The Commonwealth Athletic Conference Large champion Madison Park will now move on to the Division 4 Super Bowl where they will take on Mayflower Large champion Blue Hills Regional of Canton. Blue Hills, with a record of 10-1 on the season, earned a bye into the title game.

As they have throughout the second half of the season, the Rams dominated from start to finish in this contest, outgaining their opposition by a margin of 306-59. A pair of missed field goal attempts and a turnover in Madison Park territory kept the game from being the same type of blowout the Rams have enjoyed in recent weeks, but they were never threatened limiting the

Cardinals to two total first downs in the game, while they picked up 16 of their own.

Shawsheen dominated on both sides of the ball, piling up 244 yards on the ground, including 119 from junior running back Andrew Dascoli and 103 and a touchdown from junior Steve Reynolds of Wilmington.

Defensively the Rams earned their fourth consecutive shutout and held their opponents to under 100 yards of total offense for the fifth consecutive game.

"Our offensive line and our running backs all blocked so well and of the course the kids did a great job running the ball, Costabile said. "And defensively we were so well prepared. Coach (Jim) Sullivan and the staff did such a great job of preparing the kids and they kids did a great job executing the game plan."

Shawsheen took a 14-0 halftime lead and added a score on their first series of the third quarter to extend their lead to 21-0 before closing the deal with the continued dominance of their rock solid defense.

Costabile is no stranger to high school Super Bowls, having led his Bishop Fenwick teams to title games in 1995 and 1996, but this berth with this team was very satisfying to the veteran coach who is in his 12th year at Shawsheen.

"I am just so proud of these players and the coaches," Costabile said. "I have never been prouder of a staff or a group of players."

The Rams dominance started from the opening whistle, as they held Madison Park to a three and out on their first possession.

The Rams took control on offense as well, going on an eight play 61 yard drive to take the lead

on their first possession of the game. Dascoli and Reynolds did the bulk of the work on the drive, picking up nice chunks of yardage with each carry, and then with the Cardinals keying on the run, quarterback Ryan Woolaver of Wilmington rolled out to his right and connected with Devin Connealy on a six yard touchdown pass with 4:50 left in the first quarter to give the Rams a 7-0 lead after Devon Pratt's extra point kick.

"It was important for us to get off to a good start," Costabile said. "We came out and established ourselves right from the start."

A big defensive play Connealy for a loss of six yards on Madison Park's next possession forced another three and out Shawsheen went right back to attacking the Cardinals with their ground game once again, this time going on an eight play, 56 yard drive to extend their lead to 14-0.

Once again it was Dascoli and Reynolds doing the damage with Dascoli carrying for the first three plays of the drive and Reynolds taking over for the final five plays, including the one yard burst up the middle on the first play of the second quarter to give the Rams the two touchdown lead. Reynolds continued his all around fine play on the night on the Cardinals next possession recovering a fumble at the Madison Park 29 yard line, but the Rams could not take advantage of the field position, as the Cardinals defense stepped up with a sack of Woolaver to end the threat.

On the ensuing possession Madison Park had their biggest threat of the game, moving deep into Shawsheen territory after a 61 yard run by Isaiah White. But after the play,

the first of six personal foul penalties on the night against Madison Park moved them back to the Ram 30 yard line and from there they moved back eight yards after a penalty and a fine defensive play by Connealy on fourth down.

Shawsheen had to overcome Madison Park's chippy play all night long, with many hits after the whistle, particularly late in the game when the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Shawsheen had two more chances to score before the end of the half but an interception on one possession and a blocked 27 yard field goal with 10 seconds left in the half sent the Rams to the break with a 14-0 lead.

The Rams got themselves some more breathing room early in the third quarter when they took the opening kickoff and proceeded to go on a 62 yard drive that was capped off with a one yard keeper by Woolaver with 6:13 left in the quarter for a 21-0 lead. Shawsheen was aided by another Cardinal personal foul penalty during the drive and Reynolds had a big 19 yard run to give the Rams a first down at the Cardinals 20 yard line to keep the drive going.

The Rams had one more long drive on the night moving from their 41 to the Madison Park two yard line, but a two yard touchdown run by Reynolds was negated by a holding penalty and they later missed a 25 yard field goal attempt.

It hardly mattered, however, as the Rams defense, led by Connealy, nose tackle David Summell and defensive tackle Devin Summell of Tewksbury along with defensive end Derek Bent continued to shut down Madison Park and pave the way to the Super Bowl.

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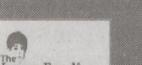
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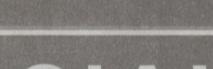
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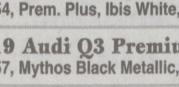
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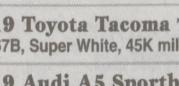
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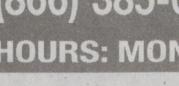
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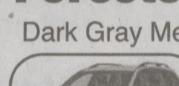


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Will, years ago the Town Crier Sports Department did a segment called "10 Questions with ..." and we have decided to start it back up again. With you being the first one, tell us about yourself, so our readers get to know you a little bit. Tell us about your family, where did you grow up, and what sports did you play when you were younger?

I have an older brother Connor and I also have a twin sister, Ayla. She has played soccer her entire life. She was with the Shawsheen JV team and got bumped up to varsity, and scored eight goals and helped the team finish 11-3-2. As for me, I used to play baseball and flag football when I was younger. Then I got to high school and started competing in cross-country and track-and-field.

As a junior now, looking back before your freshman year, what led you to make the decision to come to Shawsheen Tech, and what are some of the things that you really like about the school?

I heard a lot of good things, including from my parents. I like how you can do a shop that you can carry after high school. The school is also very strict about issues that many other schools seem to ignore.

What trade are you in, and what are you plans with after you graduate next year? I'm in machine shop and I'm not sure of my plans after high school.

Over the past two-plus years, you have been a member of the cross-country and track programs at Shawsheen. What led you to join these teams as opposed to other sports that the school offers?

I wanted to play football when I was younger, but my parents didn't want me to. I liked running so I choose to do cross-country and (outdoor) track.

Take us through a typical week for you as a runner. I know the cross-country meets are usually held on Wednesdays, so starting with Sunday through Saturday, what's your training schedule like? Do you change your diet and what do you eat/drink before and after a meet?

The coaches usually push us on Monday, then take it lighter on us the Tuesday before a meet. I eat pasta for dinner the night before a meet. After the meet however (I reward myself and) eat Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Fudge Brownie Ice Cream.

What are your favorite memories, both as a member of the cross-country and track-and-field teams and also, what are your personal accomplishments?

In all three years of running cross-country, the seniors at the time have been great, especially last year. I also have just really enjoyed our coaches too, Coach (Pat) Kelly and Coach (Dan) Dorazio. They are the two best coaches I know.

During your running career, have you endured some struggles while competing? Care to share any of those experiences with us, and if so, what have you learned from those tough times?

I've been dealing with a stomach issue. I'm hoping to get it fixed by the spring season. I've tried eating a banana before a race, hydrating more before a race, and even not eating anything before a race. Unfortunately nothing works.

As an older member of the cross-country and track teams, what advice have you given the younger or inexperienced athletes?

Show up and try at practice every day -- especially on the weekend practices and during the summer.

Besides running, what other interests/hobbies do you enjoy?

I like to play football with my friends, ride my bike, and fool around with my friends. I like to stay active, I can't just sit around.

OK Will, thanks for taking the time with us. This has been great, but before we let you go, we need to ask one final question. With Thanksgiving coming up, what will be on your plate that day?

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Homemade Mac and Cheese, and (some) corn."

Text by Adam Ippolito

Sports

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Rams to face DS in semi-finals

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back to pass.

"Offensively, they move the ball around," Costabile said. "They have some weapons and they utilize them all. (Webb) can throw the ball and he can run."

Against Watertown, Webb threw three touchdown passes, one for 64 yards to junior Emilio Cabey and two to junior Brian Olson for distances of 21 and 24 yards.

Costabile was impressed with Cabey.

"He's very quick, very shifty and elusive," the coach said. "He can give you fits."

Senior Michael Polk ran for 120 yards and a touchdown in the victory, carrying the ball 20 times.

"He is a very, very good runner," Costabile said. "He's very good on both sides of the ball. He's a good-sized kid and plays a good D-back, but he's a very effective running back."

Costabile also mentioned Raider senior Henry Moore, who runs the ball well for the Raiders.

"There's three or four weapons right there," he said. "And they balance it out and move it around. Everybody gets touches, and they're very hard to key on any one person."

After the first half against Watertown, the Raider defense has allowed only two touchdowns in the last six quarters of playoff action.

While the defense has been stingy, it also produced some points as Olson returned an interception for a score in the Hudson game.

Dover Sherborn has several seniors on its offensive and defensive lines including captain Alex Banerjee. Joseph Perdoni, Christian Casale, Matt Darin, Will Dummer and Tim Sampson.

Leading the Raider linebacking corps are senior captain Mekhi Robinson, senior captain Griffin Rosbottom and Dylan Latham while senior defensive backs include Polk, Tyler Myrick, Moore and Alex Romoli.

Costabile said he's happy with the daytime start on Saturday after playing four straight Friday evening contests.

"I like it," he said. "When you get this late in the season, (the afternoon) is the warmest part of the day. I think when you get to this point in the season you think of football on a cold afternoon, not frosty nights, but cold afternoons. There's just something about it that I love."

After an 8-0 regular season that saw the Rams win the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Large School championship, Shawsheen defeated both Worcester Tech and Old Rochester Regional in the playoffs.

With a victory, Shawsheen will face either second-seeded North Reading or sixth-seeded Bishop Fenwick in the Div. 5 Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium the first weekend in December.

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(BPT) - As the fall home improvement season continues, now is a good time to think about how a change in seasons may affect your home's roof. Season after season, roofs across the U.S. are subject to unpredictable weather conditions including high winds, storm debris, winter cold and summer heat. Unpredictable weather means your home's roof must be equipped to stand up to various elements and perform across all seasons.

As we get further into fall, the season is a good time to inspect your roof and make sure it's in good condition. A contractor in the Owens Corning Roofing Contractor Network¹ can safely inspect your roof, identify possible issues, and resolve potential problems to help you get some peace of mind before winter weather begins.

When it is time for a roof replacement, consider how your home's roof must defend against seasonal elements. Understanding how each season influences roof performance, Owens Corning offers TruDefinition[®] Duration FLEX[®] AE, an all-season shingle² designed to



help withstand nature's elements and ultimately protect your home.

Here is a season-by-season look at how a properly designed and installed roof can defend against seasonal challenges your roof may face in fall, winter, spring and summer.

Fall: Autumn winds can cause shingles to blow off your roof, and one of the last things you want to see is a shingle on the ground around your home. The National Weather Service includes wind on its online list of fall weather hazards³, but shingle tests can help evaluate how well shingles perform in windy conditions. Designed to deliver up to 130 MPH wind resistance, Duration FLEX[®] AE is the only SBS shingle that features the outstanding hold of SureNail[®] AE Technology that offers a reinforced nailing zone on the face of the shingle. Duration FLEX[®] AE with SureNail[®] AE Technology is 42% stronger in wind re-

sistance tests compared to standard shingles, giving you confidence in intense storms and windy conditions.⁴

Winter: Bitter cold, freezing rain and heavy snow can threaten your home's roof. Cold temperatures also challenge installation procedures and can allow a home's shingles to become brittle. Duration FLEX[®] AE shingles are 10% stronger than traditional shingles in tear tests. The SBS polymer material gives them a flexible design that helps make them less stiff and helps resist cracking in cold weather, including during the installation process.

Spring: U.S. weather in the spring season can change quickly and vary from snowstorms to early season heat waves. Thunderstorms cause most severe spring weather and are often accompanied by extreme rains, hail and wind that can threaten your roof. To help your home's roof weather storms and wind-driven debris, Duration

FLEX[®] AE absorbs the energy of hail and storm debris, and together with ImpactRidge[®] AE Hip & Ridge shingles create a complete UL 2218 Class 4 Impact Resistant Roof System - the highest impact rating possible.

Summer: The summer season has challenges too - the National Weather Service's website includes excessive heat and thunderstorms in its list of summer weather hazards⁵. The rubber-like flexibility of Duration FLEX[®] AE helps the shingle withstand expansion and contraction stresses due to temperature changes, while supporting granule adhesion to protect shingles against damage from the sun's often harsh ultraviolet light.

Year after year, your home's roof protects against nature's elements. Owens Corning can help homeowners like you select a roof that will deliver beauty and performance in all seasons.

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Comfy cozy: 5 style ideas for warming up your house this winter

(BPT) - As days get shorter, temperatures fall and we begin to spend more time indoors, many of us are looking for ways to make our homes more snug and cozy. After all, the winter months can be much easier to withstand when our homes become havens of warmth, calm and comfort. As British poet Edith Sitwell once wrote: "Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire: It is the time for home."

The good news is that creating your own home haven need not be difficult if you understand how to create such environments through smart decor choices. With that in mind, here are five key decor elements that can go a long way toward making your home seem luxuriously warm and inviting - for both residents and guests.

Soft and luxurious textiles

The upholstery, drapes, curtains, linens, bedding and throws you pick can have a major impact on comfort levels. It may be worth spending more to purchase high-end textiles with high thread counts.

One hundred percent cotton, bamboo or silk often feels best against the skin, but some luxury brands also use synthetic blends to their advantage.

Rich-looking hardwood floors

Hardwood floors offer unparalleled warmth and beauty to any home regardless of its architecture and design style. And

thanks to technology, engineered hardwood flooring now offers the extra protection needed to keep them gorgeous even under duress. LL Flooring's Era Collection line of engineered hardwood flooring, for example, is three times more impact- and scratch-resistant than traditional white oak hardwood flooring. These floors are even water-resistant, built with cutting-edge 5G locking technology to help stand up to winter's toughest effects. What's more, this collection features ultra-wide, ultra-long planks in stylish European oak.

"Engineered hardwood floors are a great home decor choice that offer the timeless appeal of hardwood with modern durability," says Jen Meska, Director of Merchandising at LL Flooring. "They're built to withstand changes in temperature and humidity in your home through all four seasons, while delivering the warm, organic benefits of hardwood that can make your home feel cozy and welcoming."

Peaceful atmospheric lighting

Our natural human circadian rhythms dictate that warm yellowish-white light (as opposed to cooler blue light) helps us relax and unwind. In general, light bulbs marked "soft white" or "warm white" will warm up any room. Lighting experts recommend using ceiling and non-symmetric wall lights to create the most comforting settings, but firelight and candlelight can also add a relaxing

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Comfortable furniture

Plenty of manufacturers create furniture that's stylish but not particularly comfortable. If your pieces fit that description, you may wish to exchange them for styles that allow you to come in from the cold, settle in and fully relax. Perhaps it's time to invest in a new pillow-top mattress, a cushy sectional couch that can seat your entire family around the TV or dining room chairs comfortable enough for game-playing and lingering conversations.

Warm color schemes

Because warm colors such as reds, yellows, oranges and yellow-greens tend to remind us of sun, sand, and heat, they can make us perceive rooms as warmer and cozier. You may wish to boost that phenomenon by painting one or more of your rooms in those colors, or by choosing a neutral, subtly tinted tone in one of those shades. Many decorators suggest balancing the effect of intensely warm colors with accents in cooler hues.

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Is your home smart?

(BPT) - Controlling the operations of a home with a finger tap seemed out of reach only a few years ago. Today, homeowners are unlocking doors, setting alarms, adjusting the temperature and even turning on lights with a tap on a smartphone. Are we now living in George Jetson's world?

"Smart homeowners are inquisitive about what is going on with their property," said Mercury Insurance product manager for homeowners Adam Bakonis. "Smart devices not only notify homeowners of issues earlier, they make you more aware of what is happening with different systems and can help prevent a costly disaster."

When investing in any smart home system, you should speak to an insurance agent to see if the device may qualify you for an insurance discount.

Water leak detection systems

Excluding weather events, water leaks are the most common cause of property damage and can easily go undetected. By the time a leak has made itself known, it

may have done some extensive damage. Water leak detection devices can discover all types of leaks, including hidden ones - though functionality and capabilities will vary by device.

"Sensors that monitor water flow, for example, can send a notification to a homeowner's device periodically and let them know of a potential issue," said Bakonis. "Many of these systems will notify homeowners through their smartphones, allowing them to view and monitor water use both indoors and outdoors and be alerted to a potential problem before it gets worse."

Homeowners may be able to lower the cost of their water bills by preventing water waste while also avoiding catastrophic damage due to a leak. Some water districts and insurers provide rebates or other incentives for a water leak detection device.

Homeowners should check with both their insurance agent and local water district to see if they qualify for any discounts.

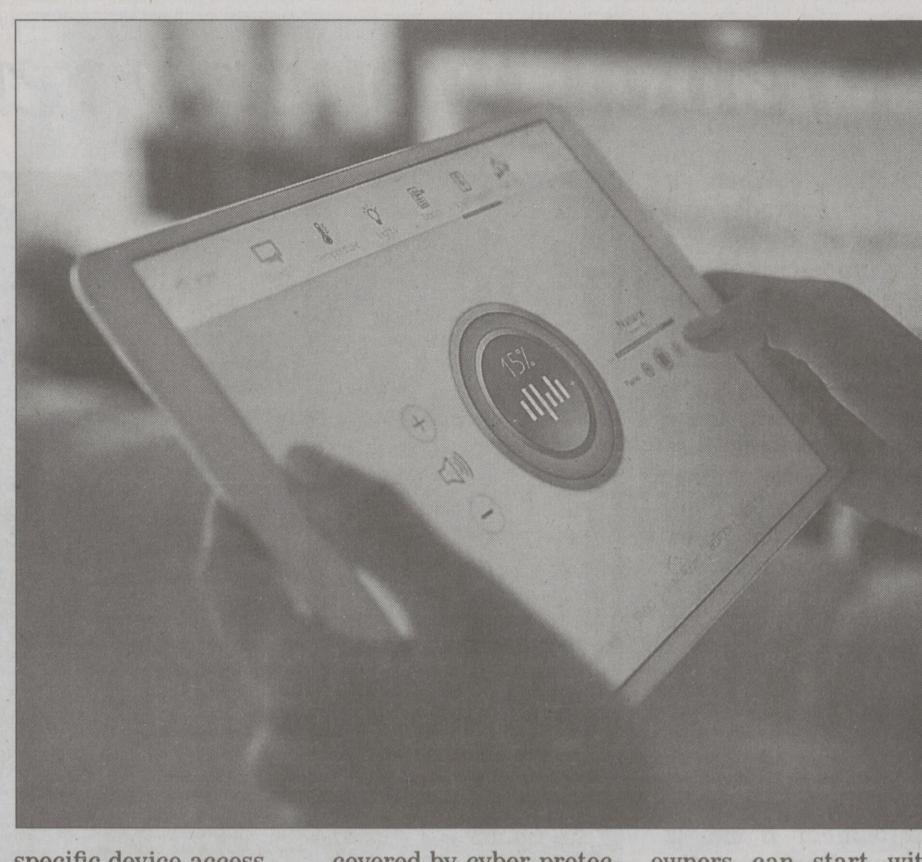
Smart fire detection system

Smart smoke detectors take fire prevention a step further than standard smoke detectors. Smart smoke detectors can be wired into home security systems and be monitored to notify both the homeowner and the local fire department or a monitoring service of an alarm. Some alarms can detect unsafe carbon monoxide levels in the air and prevent the spread of smoke by shutting down air ventilation systems. They may also provide notification to a homeowner's smartphone if the battery is getting low.

Cyber protection and security

While smart home technology provides homeowners with a sense of security and convenience, there can still be risks, especially from cyberattacks.

Homeowners should stay vigilant and protect their systems with strong passwords, encryption and connecting devices only to their own network. Homeowners should also make sure they don't share any sensitive login information since these devices may rely on a password or home device would be



specific device access.

Cyber protection is an additional type of coverage that homeowners who incorporate smart technology into their home should seriously consider as the coverage may be designed to protect any electronic device connected to the internet.

"It's important for homeowners to remember that home cyber is not just computers, it's all electronic devices," said Bakonis. "A cyber-attack on a connected home device would be

covered by cyber protection coverage that is available to be bundled with many homeowners policies.

This protection would pay to recover data and restore systems that have been lost or damaged due to a hack, including connected home devices." Homeowners should check with their insurance agent to see what options are available and what is covered.

Investing in a smart home doesn't have to be expensive. Many systems work together so home-

owners can start with smaller devices and expand their systems as their needs increase.

"If you are investing in smart home devices know that there are often insurance benefits that come in the forms of discounts for devices that monitor some of the most common claims which are fire, water and theft," said Bakonis. "Over time, the amount you save on your premium may be even greater with devices that help with monitoring safety and prevention."

5 gift ideas that save energy (and do a world of good)

(BPT) - When checking your holiday list, you're searching for gifts that inspire joy and delight, and electronic items often fit that description. But what if that gift also happens to have a positive impact on your loved one's life and the world at large? With all that has happened in the last couple of years, many of us have a greater appreciation for the things that protect the health of the planet for everyone.

Whether you're shopping for a shiny new appliance or gadgets to make someone's life easier, here's how your gift can do a world of good: look for products that have earned the ENERGY STAR label.

These are independently certified to use less energy than standard products, which not only saves money on energy costs, but also makes a difference for the climate.

To inspire you, here are a few holiday shopping list ideas:

Cool savings on the hottest electronic devices: Did you know the average household owns 24 consumer electronics products? The more you invest in items designed to save energy, the more



the savings will rack up. That has become even more important these days as families continue to use multiple electronics for work and school. For catching up on favorite shows, tablets use four times less energy than streaming to a laptop and 15 times less than a desktop computer. An energy-efficient sound bar offers a sleek solution to achieving that rich stereo effect, but uses 70% less energy than a conventional model.

A smarter solution to save heating costs: Families are still spending more time at home and energy bills have sky-

rocketed. Smart thermostats take the guesswork out of maximizing energy efficiency, and choosing an ENERGY STAR certified smart thermostat means savings you can

trust. Plus, they make great gifts. Were everyone to make the switch, we'd save 56 trillion BTUs of energy and \$740 million a year, offsetting 13 billion pounds of annual greenhouse gas emissions.

A charger to go with that new electric car: And if big gifts are part of your holiday plan, remember to check out electric vehicles (EVs) and an ENERGY STAR certified charger. EVs are the future of driving and you (or your loved one) can save an average of \$800 to \$1,000 a year on fuel and an average of \$4,600 on maintenance over the lifetime of the vehicle. An ENERGY STAR certified charger completes the gift and uses 40% less energy in standby mode than the standard models.

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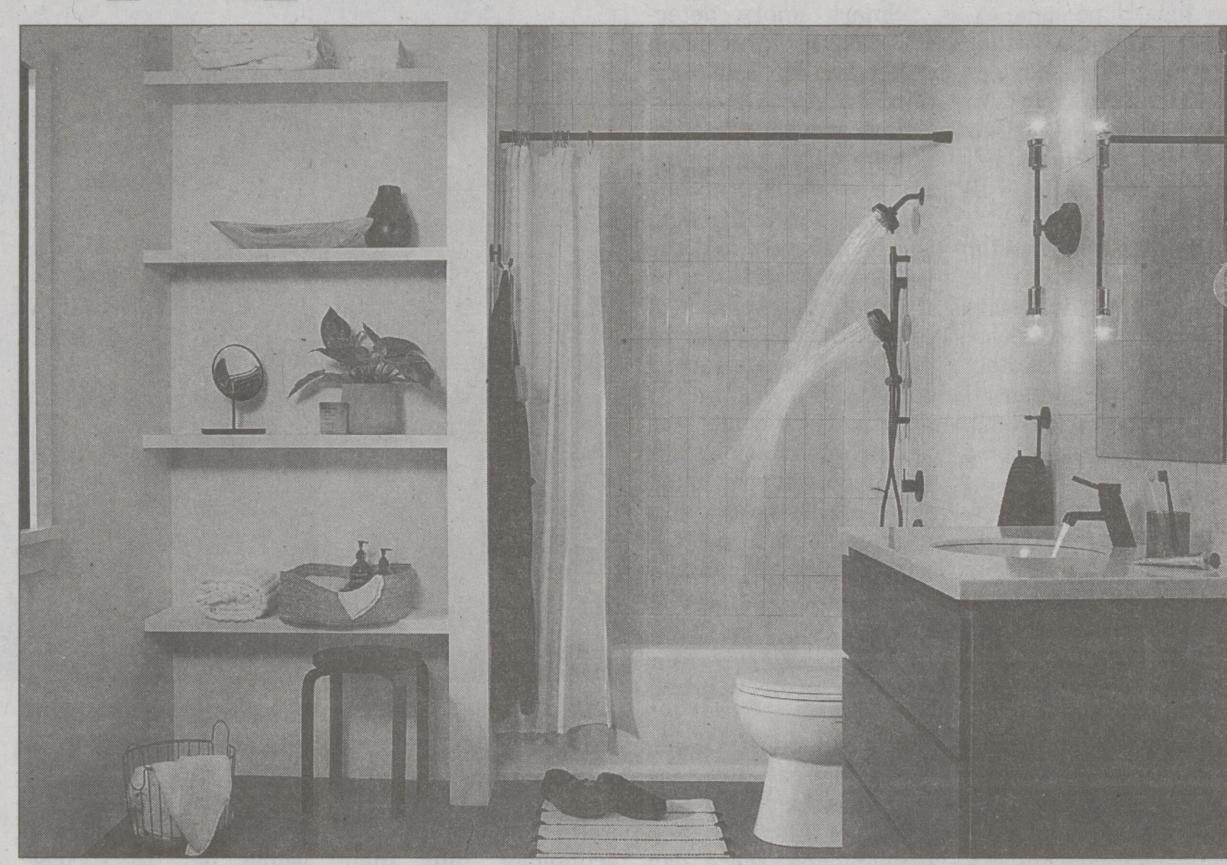
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A rental property remodel done right

(BPT) - When it comes to upgrades and functional design, a rental property is often a space that's left on the backburner. Whether it's prepping for new tenants or simply giving a space a quick face lift, these projects can sometimes become overwhelming. See below for easy installation ideas and simple tips to ensure you have a fully functional bathroom with a beautiful design aesthetic.

Bring purpose to the sink

It doesn't matter if the goal is to upgrade a bathroom or if one is starting from scratch, assuring the sink space is multi-functional is a crucial step! Replacing a faucet could seem daunting, but the Peerless® Precept® Single-Handle Bath Faucet makes this process a breeze. What's great about it is it saves both time and money as it comes with a Push Pop-Up Drain Assembly included! Unlike other drain assemblies that require multiple parts (and purchases), this user-friendly accessory



works seamlessly with the faucet itself and comes with all necessary parts to easily install it.

By simply pushing down on its head, a sink can quickly be filled up with water for a variety of uses. One can create an at-home ice water face dip for the ultimate

self-care regimen, an emergency stain soak, or even a bath for the littler ones.

Establish a complementing look with a unified finish

A bathroom can easily feel cluttered when it has too many elements and colors. A simple way

to forgo this overwhelming feeling is by implementing a uniform finish. Not only will one finish and style lend clarity to a bathroom design, but it will also help deliver that polished and flawless look.

For instance, for a bath space that has a black finish, small adds like a black-

rimmed mirror, dark-stained stool, or charcoal vase will provide the accents to the overall color scheme. The possibilities are endless!

Add more functionality

Rental property bathrooms oftentimes deliver the bare minimum by

only providing a basic toilet, working faucet and a showerhead. For those looking to level up their rental shower experience without breaking the bank, an easy way in is by installing a multifunctional fixture beyond just a showerhead. The Peerless® Precept® Slide Bar with Hand Shower delivers just that. When added onto an existing showerhead, it can operate on its own or also at the same time, creating an instant at-home spa-like experience. Not to mention its pause feature reduces water to a trickle, giving space for shaving and lathering - ideal for any guest shower.

When thinking through ways to transform a rental investment property, being efficient, yet thoughtful is the way to go. Extensive restorations are a thing of the past when one can find easy-to-install and functional items that still deliver a beautiful design.

From unifying the color scheme to implementing new fixtures, even the slightest updates can make the biggest difference.

Electric fireplaces spark simple home improvement solutions

(BPT) - Are you looking for ways to enhance your home and boost its value? The best kinds of home improvement projects provide wow-worthy results without much effort. With modern designs and numerous benefits, electric fireplaces are one of these projects, enhancing the aesthetic of any room without the extensive construction and cost of traditional gas or wood fireplaces.

Many people are surprised to learn that installing a wall-mounted electric fireplace doesn't require any structural modifications. In fact, it's similar to hanging a wall-mounted TV, shelv-

ing or large piece of artwork. You'll need common household tools such as a level, stud finder and drill, and the fireplace will come with a wall mounting kit (including brackets and hardware) and detailed instructions.

"In any existing room where you would like to add an electric fireplace, it's very easy to add one," said Heat & Glo Brand Manager Kathy Rogers. "It's a lot easier to install than a gas fireplace and you don't need an expert for installation. With just a few tools, a well-placed electrical outlet, and the revolutionary wall-mount Simplicity Format electric

fireplace, you can bring the fireplace, which is a comfort of a fireplace plus to any room in your home."

Modern electric fireplaces are available in multiple sizes to fit your space and have no mesh screens or visible heat vents. You can zone heat throughout the year with optional heat, bringing comfort where you need it. Dynamic flames and an LED ember bed create ambiance and warmth - if desired - on demand. You can also safely place a TV or artwork directly above

mind, choosing a wall that doesn't receive direct sunlight reduces glare. Notice sunlight throughout the day to help determine the best location for installation.

Electricity access: Make sure that you have access to electricity to power your new fireplace. You can choose to either simply plug in your fireplace to a standard outlet or hire a professional to hard-wire it directly.

Select location: Windows and furniture placement often help dictate where an electric fireplace should go. Keep in

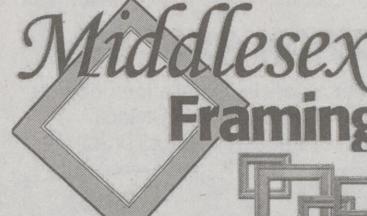
tact your city or township to get the most recent regulations. Verify codes and read all fireplace installation instructions before you start your project so you avoid any issues.

Whether it's in a family room, basement, bedroom, bathroom or another space, a wall-mounted electric fireplace brings function and fashion to your home. Visit HeatnGlo.com to learn more about electric fireplaces and get additional expert advice on installation.

Check codes: As with any home improvement project, you'll need to ensure compliance with local building codes. Con-



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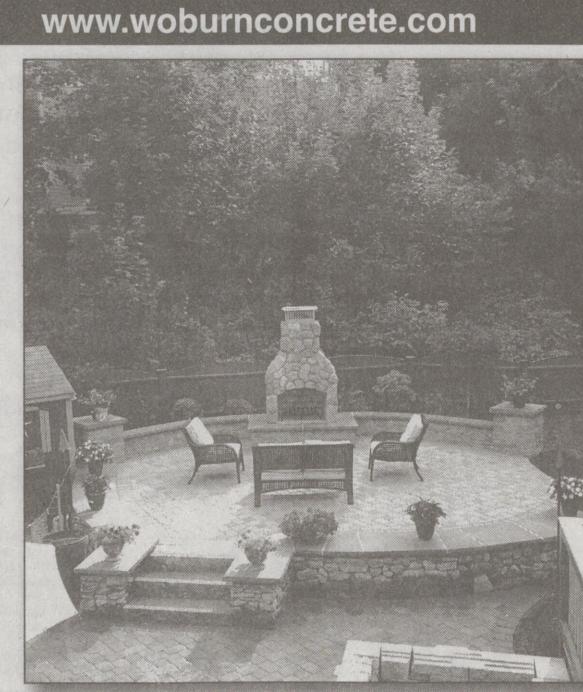
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Simple pest control steps to take at home before calling an exterminator

(BPT) - Home is where the heart is, and you strive to make it a welcoming place. Whether you're just moving in or you've been living in your house for decades, bugs can become a concern at any time - even in brand-new builds. The moment you notice ants, roaches and other pests,

it's time to act and take cues from those with experience, before you have to hire an expensive exterminator. There are many pests that can damage property with one of the most common across the United States being roaches. In fact, 14 million of the approximately 124 million occu-

pied U.S. housing units reported seeing roaches in their homes during the last 12 months, according to the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau American Housing Survey.

Whether it's roaches, spiders, wasps or other insect species, having to hire an exterminator to handle a pest problem



Keep your home safe with these 3 smart cybersecurity steps

(BPT) - Your home is your sanctuary, a place you want to feel safe. While you may rely on locks and security systems to keep your property secure, are you taking the same level of precautions when it comes to your digital security?

Cybercriminals are getting smarter and more sophisticated every day, targeting and exploring your personal data. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Report 2021, a record 847,376 complaints from the American public were reported, which was a 7% increase from 2020, with ransomware reports as a prevailing issue. Experts expect this number to increase in 2022 and beyond.

To protect your home and family from digital threats, make sure to take these three smart cybersecurity steps:

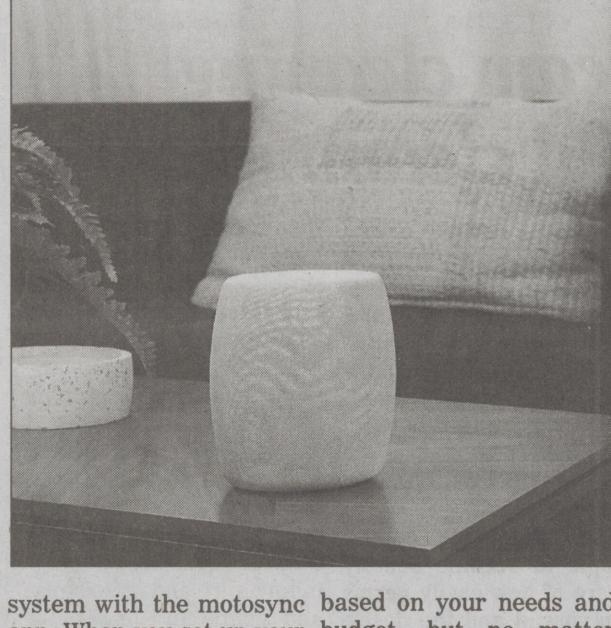
Update your networking devices

Households everywhere depend on wireless network devices for internet connectivity - including modems, routers and Mesh Wi-Fi products for checking phones, streaming movies and video conferencing. However, as these systems age, so too do the security features, which impacts its ability to keep your network safe.

The Motorola Q14 Wi-Fi 6E Mesh System is Motorola Network's newest solution that keeps your home network safe and secure with support for cutting-edge WPA3

encryption, as well as unprecedented Wi-Fi speeds up to 5.4 Gbps for over 100 connected devices. This means your connected devices and online activity remain secure, without bottlenecking speeds, not to mention countless security features.

You can easily set up, manage and secure your home network using this



system with the MotoSync app. When you set up your account, you can use parental controls to manage your children's internet use, plus the app runs regular scans to block ads

and detect and eliminate threats before they become a problem. This all happens in the background while your family connects wirelessly, providing instant peace of mind.

Use a VPN

Using a Virtual Private Network - more commonly referred to as VPN - helps provide a higher level of safety when you or family members go online. A VPN

is highly effective against cybercriminals because it hides your computer's IP address, which is a unique

string of characters that identifies the device. It also hides your internet activity so cybercriminals are blocked from seeing

what you're doing online and where you're doing it.

VPNs protect you from the dark side of the internet, but most do have a cost. Many plans' monthly cost is about the same as a cup of coffee from your favorite coffee house, but it can vary. If cost is a concern, you can explore free and open-source options. Do your research and decide which is best for you

based on your needs and budget, but no matter what, always choose a reputable provider.

Update antivirus software

Antivirus software is software that typically runs automatically on your digital devices to help scan, detect and eliminate any threats, including spiders, viruses and worms. Many devices come loaded with antivirus software that detects and removes malware, but it's important to check that the devices you and your family use at home include updated versions of the software.

It's common for people to skip antivirus updates or let their subscription expire. By doing this you make it easier for cybercriminals to penetrate your devices and connections - including your personal data and online activities. Keep your home's digital activity secure by updating and running antivirus software at all times.

More people rely on their online connections to get things done and enjoy their life to the fullest. With these three steps, you can feel confident your family and your private information is protected.

can be costly. According to 2022 HomeAdvisor estimates, the cost for a one-time pest control visit averages between \$300 and \$550. Depending on your specific pest problem, that figure could rise into the thousands.

Taking a proactive approach to protecting your home and family by treating issues yourself can save you hundreds of dollars per year and is easy to do. Backed by 65 years of research and innovation from entomologists at the SC Johnson Center for Insect Science and Family Health, Raid professionals are sharing their library of knowledge with everyone to help solve bug problems this year. Below are some of the most effective

steps homeowners can take:

Secure the perimeter:

Inspect the perimeter of

the home and cover up

any cracks and openings

to prevent bugs from en-

tering your home. If you

see any holes, caulk them

or conduct repairs to

cover them up.

Seal doors: Cover unsealed gaps in doors that go outside and install a door sweep for added protection. Add weather stripping or door-seal kits to the frame to keep insects from entering along the sides or top of the door.

Tidy the kitchen: The

kitchen attracts a wide

variety of insects. Open

or improperly stored food

can quickly turn the

kitchen into a breeding

ground for bugs. Make

sure your food is stored in

tightly sealed containers

or bags. Make a habit of

keeping your floors and

counters clean and clear

of food crumbs by sweep-

ing, vacuuming and wip-

ing down surfaces

throughout the day.

Tackle your pest prob-

lem: If you notice pests,

treat the problem right

away. The Raid brand of-

fers a variety of products

designed to help you con-

trol infestations as soon

as you spot them - so

small bugs don't become

a big problem.

Use screens: If you want

to naturally ventilate

your home, install screen mesh windows. A 20 mesh or finer screen will keep out most household pests. If your home already has screens, repair any holes or tears that would allow insect entry.

Avoid standing water: Eliminate pooled water outside the home to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs, and ensure that channels such as drains and gutters flow smoothly and aren't blocked by leaves and waste. Lastly, inspect the surroundings to ensure that rainwater doesn't collect in idle pots, tanks and tires.

Clean surroundings: In-

sects are attracted to

food sources including

uncovered trash. Ensure

that garbage, recycling

bins and composting food

matter are closed and

tightly sealed. Also, clear

up trash near and around

the home as soon as pos-

sible.

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Need a holiday gift idea? Teach your child a DIY skill

(BPT) - It's true at any age: The more do-it-yourself skills we can develop, the better control we'll have when it comes to maintaining our homes, vehicles and the other material assets that help us lead productive and enjoyable lives.

That's why it's so important to keep teaching our children such practical skills as they grow into adulthood. As kids learn how to handle their own tasks surrounding home maintenance, small engine repair, auto mechanics and other elements of day-to-day life, they develop confidence in their own abilities, and hone the problem-solving skills that will help them succeed.

Further, when you take an active role in imparting such valuable "garage logic," you can create bonding experiences that strengthen intergenerational relationships.

"Sharing a mutual goal, combining strengths, helping each other and negotiating decisions together can foster a sense of teamwork and bring people closer," advises Kristen Mosier on BobVila.com. "And, of course, admiring a finished project is sweeter when shared."

This holiday season, you may wish to invest in your child's future by giving them the gift of practical DIY knowledge. Here are suggestions for making that happen.

Explore their areas of interest. Be proactive by talking to your child ahead of

time about the skills he or she would most like to learn. Your teenager may wish to seize independence by learning how to repair her own car, while your green-thumbed youngster may be most enthusiastic about mastering the mechanics of your yard and garden equipment.

Share your area of expertise. If you're skilled in a certain category, you might feel especially proud and happy to pass that specific knowledge on to the next generation. Tell your child the story of how you acquired your own abilities, and explain why you're excited to be sharing them with the next generation.

Establish good cleanliness and safety habits. Teach kids to prioritize a safe work environment by insisting on protective gear such as safety glasses, earphones, masks and gloves.

Make sure everyone involved in the project participates in keeping floors, counters, tools and other elements cleared off, hazard-free and well organized.

Make tools part of your gift. When the majority of your lesson is finished, consider passing the tools you've used on to your child or, buy them their own new set they can continue using once they leave your household.

With its huge span of machinery, tools and equipment, Northern Tool + Equipment is a great place to walk the aisles and explore tools to help your child fill up their tool belt.



"We're in the business of providing the essential tools and gear that people need to handle any tough job that comes their way, whether they're pros or DIYers," said Suresh Krishna, President and CEO of Northern Tool.

"The gift of high-quality tools is one that can keep on giving for years to come, and can help instill pride in working with one's hands at an early age."

Create maximum fun.

Make sure to create positive memories by making your experiences enjoyable for everyone involved. That means anticipating mistakes, remaining patient, ex-

plaining how errors can be

corrected and making sure your child knows they're not expected to know everything right away. Ideally, you'll both look back on your experience with fondness, not confusion or regret.

Reasons steam cleaning is a powerful cleaning tool

(BPT) - Do you feel like you're constantly cleaning and it's never enough to stay on top of all the dirt, grime and germs? Do you wonder how professional cleaners get everything so sparkling and fresh in so little time? The trick is to work smarter, not harder, and one of their best-kept secrets is utilizing the natural cleaning power of steam.

Steam is a surprisingly powerful cleaning tool, with the ability to break down tough grime and disinfect virtually any surface. Plus, water is pure and natural, so you don't have to worry about harsh cleaners with

chemicals that may be bad for you and the environment. Here are the top reasons why many people use their steam cleaner as much as (or more than) their vacuum once they realize everything it can accomplish:

1. Steam kills bacteria and viruses

The pandemic caused people to become acutely aware of how easily germs can spread and the desire grew to regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces. Steam is scientifically proven to kill bacteria and viruses because they cannot survive the heat. This allows you to sanitize, disinfect and clean in one simple step. For example, the Dupray Neat Steam Cleaner easily removes dirt, grease and stains while killing 99.9% of bacteria.

ria, viruses, pathogens, bedbugs, mold and other undesirables.

2. Steam works almost anywhere

Steam can clean any type of flooring, including tile and grout lines, but it can be helpful in many more ways as well. It can tackle tough messes like

nooks and crannies that are otherwise hard to reach.

3. Steam cleaning improves air quality

Americans spend approximately 90% of their time indoors, where the concentrations of some pollutants are often up to five times higher than typical outdoor concentrations, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Because steam cleaning is all natural, it's a great way to help improve indoor air quality. Steam cleaning helps eliminate dust, bed bugs, pet dander, pollen, allergens, mold and more. Cleaner air means a healthier home so everyone can breathe better, day and night.



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KELSEY FROM A-8

she witnessed her daughter endure, Lisa suffered a heart attack this past February.

"Lisa was a dedicated and loving mother by Kelsey's side constantly," Goode shared. "Kelsey misses her greatly. My brother lost the wife he loved and his support and companion in the care of their daughter."

Once Kelsey began to show symptoms of heart failure, she returned to Michigan to have her mitral valve replaced (as it had been 10 years since her last surgery and was most likely too small now). The family packed up and headed to Michigan hoping to receive good news - that all Kelsey would need was another mitral valve replacement.

Sadly, doctors told her father that his daughter's heart was failing with biventricular heart failure and pulmonary hypertension. Goode said there is no treatment.

Kelsey now resides in hospice care in Michigan with her father by her side, but without a wife to help him. Goode said they live in a one-bedroom apartment.

"John is her sole caregiver," Goode explained, "and Kelsey is dying without her mother to comfort her."

Therefore, the family started a fundraising campaign to support him while he cares for his daughter and also to help pay for the inevitable funeral costs once Kelsey passes away.

Goode said the family will bury her next to her mother.

Because she is non-verbal and was never able to learn to sign, Kelsey became a master of technology, able to operate three devices at the same time (computers, iPads). However, communication remains difficult, except between her and her father.

"John knows her so well

and has spent every minute of her life by her side, they seem to have a silent language between them," Goode acknowledged.

Her aunt added that "Kelsey knows she is not feeling well," saying how she struggles to feel better due to being in constant pain.

"She sits and she cries, she is weak, her medications are being managed and changed almost daily to keep her as comfortable and pain free as possible," Goode shared.

Recently, Goode went to visit her brother and Kelsey.

"I was shocked to see how frail she had become. Her frame is so tiny and her legs are now weak."

She added how the increased pressure on her heart is now causing her to have severe headaches and chest pressure.

While there, Goode witnessed Kelsey's bedtime routine. It starts with filling the room with the sound of rain and music, a song Kelsey's father said she listened to every night since she was very young.

Before bed, Kelsey can be found watching old homemade movies that include her recently deceased mother.

"It's bedtime, Kelsey," her father will say in an octave that Goode describes as higher than normal.

Together, the two of them will walk into Kelsey's bedroom. Goode said her bedtime routine generally lasts an hour, beginning with Kelsey relinquishing her beloved Kleynimals, steel-shaped keys for children, and a silver necklace chain.

"These are her treasures," Goode pointed out.

For each task Kelsey completes, her father will offer praise and ask, "who is smarter, prettier and stronger than Kelsey?" to which he will answer, "no-

body."

At this point, the lights go off and Kelsey is left with her iPad. Goode said on previous visits Kelsey would get up and prance around the apartment using the iPad as a flashlight, laughing as she went along.

"Now, with her failing heart, there is no energy and not enough strength to run or even walk," Goode wrote on the family's GoFundMe Page.

After a quick countdown, the iPod goes off, and the necklace, her favorite possession, slides into her father's pocket, something which Kelsey will look for immediately upon waking the next day.

For some people, the day can get away and turn into night. For Kelsey's father, constantly adjusting his daughter's medication to keep her comfortable, his nights turn into days.

Where once Kelsey was smiling and happy, "she is weaker, much thinner (and) her eyes are glazed over," Goode wrote, adding how she misses "hearing her happy sounds, her laughing, as she seems to be fading away."

Goode wants to tell Kelsey everything will be fine, but she notes how her father "beats me to that of course."

Through all the surgeries, hospital visits and complications, "his love and dedication and unbelievable patience exemplifies what a father is. Now the heavy weight of her prognosis resting on his shoulders, he has always hoped for brighter and healthier days for Kelsey."

"Daily he watches her decline, his Kelsey slipping away."

The family is approximately \$5,000 short of their goal. Donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/have-a-heart-for-kelsey>.

REVIEW FROM A-8

filtered into the story from the start, beginning with off-screen death throes.

"Time is running out," we hear whispered while the screen is still black.

Shuri (Letitia Wright), T'Challa's tech-wiz sister, is frantically trying to craft something in her AI lab to save her brother. But in a moment, their mother, Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett), informs her: "Your brother is with the ancestors." He's laid to rest in a glorious, celebratory procession, carried through a multi-tiered channel of white-clad, singing-and-dancing Wakandans. It's as stunning as anything Coogler has shot.

After this prologue, "Wakanda Forever" shifts to a year later. "Black Panther" took some of the spy-thriller shape of a Bond movie, and the sequel carries that on in a new geopolitical context. At the United Nations, the United States and France are pressuring for access to vibranium, the rare metal that Wakanda has built its empire on.

Soon after, a U.S. military expedition discov-

ers vibranium at the bottom of the

ocean. But just as they're celebrating, a mysterious tribe of blue underwater people, led by Namor, a pointy-eared monarch in green short-shorts with wings on his ankles, ruthlessly wipe out the entire expedition.

You can feel "Wakanda Forever" searching for a way forward in these early scenes. After such an anguished beginning, how much care can we summon for the whereabouts of magical ores? And more blue people? "Avatar," you might think, has already laid claim to them. What steadies the film is Bassett. Her awesome presence leads "Wakanda Forever" through grief with a staunch defense of Wakanda that rebalances the newly king-less kingdom. She carries on.

What follows is a globe-trotting plot that

draws the film away from perhaps its greatest asset in Wakanda but uncovers new

places of latent power among historically exploited people.

Shuri and Okoye (Danai Gurira), the Dora Milaje general, travel to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to seek the student (Dominique Thorne) who created a vibranium detector. In the Washington D.C.



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Ingredients

- 1 box (19.1 oz) Betty Crocker™ Delights Supreme Fudge Brownie Mix (with fudge pouch)
- Water, vegetable oil and egg called for on brownie mix box
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup Greek vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup marshmallow creme
- 2 tablespoons sugar, if desired
- 4 oz semisweet baking chocolate, chopped, or 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil, melted



MAKE DESSERT SPECIAL - S'mores and cheesecake unite in this decadent brownie dessert—no campfire required.

STEPS

1. Make and bake brownies as directed on box. Cool completely, about 45 minutes. Cut into about 1/2-inch cubes. Set aside.

2. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer until smooth. Beat in yogurt, marshmallow creme and sugar (if you feel like the filling needs to be sweeter). Spoon cream cheese mixture into decorating bag or resealable food-storage plastic bag with a corner snipped off.

3. Place chopped chocolate in another medium bowl. In very small saucepan, gently heat whipping cream over medium-low heat or in microwavable

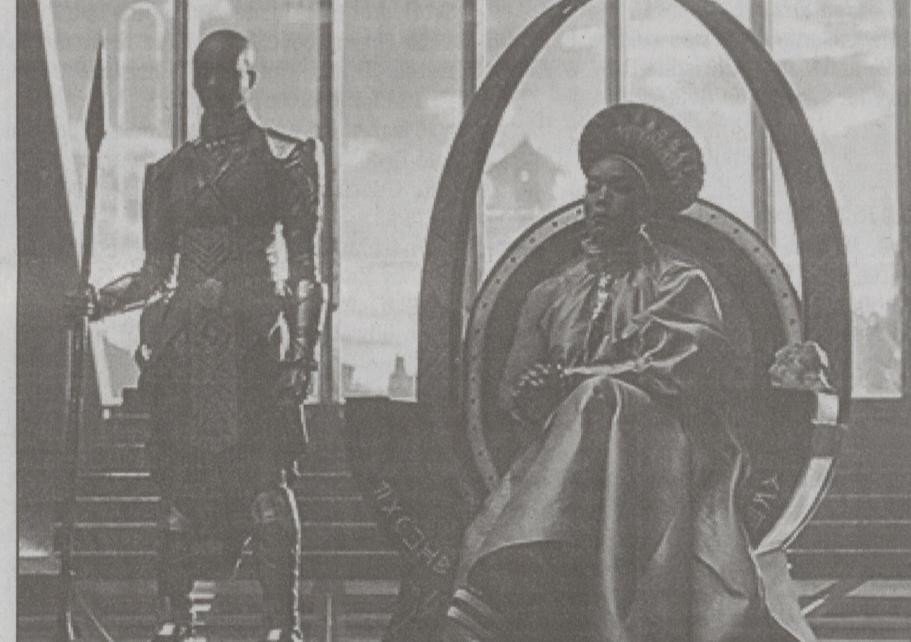
bowl, microwave on High 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds or until hot and steaming. Pour hot cream over chocolate; beat with whisk until a smooth and glossy ganache forms.

4. In small bowl, stir together graham cracker crumbs and melted coconut oil until combined.

5. In 4 to 8 cups or jars, layer cracker mixture, cream cheese mixture, brownies cubes and

ganache. (If desired, spoon additional marshmallow creme, a sprinkle of graham crumbs, or add a few chunks of brownie to the top for garnish.)

6. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.



RETURN TO WAKANDA - Florence Kasumba (left) as Ayo, and Angela Bassett as Ramonda in a scene from "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" from Marvel Studios. (Marvel Studios via AP)

area, Wakanda's friendly CIA officer (Martin Freeman) experiences new scrutiny from his boss, played by an unannounced comic actress familiar to Beltway politics.

But, mostly, a series of exchanges draw

Wakanda and Talokan closer. Are they

friends and foes? They are, at least, a cap-

tivating tweak to the mythology of Atlantis.

Talokan, dark and watery, is no Wakanda,

though, and there's less hint this time of a

larger society. Still, Huerta brings a mag-

netism to Namor. In many ways, he's a

corollary to Michael B. Jordan's Killmon-

ger, a non-villain whose fury is in many

ways justified. His anger appeals to the still-

grieving Shuri who finds herself ready, after

T'Challa's death, to "burn the world."

As in the first "Black Panther," the ques-

tion again hangs in the balance of whether,

in a pain-ridden and prejudiced world, rage

is the answer. This time, it applies to an-

other powerful civilization, too. "Wakanda

Forever," where the role of Black Panther

is passed down, is in more ways than one

about the transfer of power.

Wakanda and Talokan are brought to-

gether a little haphazardly in conflict, as

Namor pressures the African nation to join

his brewing surface war. "Wakanda For-

ever" proceeds as a murky, middle-act film

that may ultimately serve as a bridge to fu-

ture "Black Panther" chapters. But along

the way, there are countless marvels that

Coogler conjures with returning magic-

workers like production designer Hannah

Beachler and costume designer Ruth E.

Carter. How the Talokan are flung into the

air by whales. The fierce friendliness of

Gurira's performance. Lupita Nyong'o is

unfortunately less central here, but every

time her Nakia (who has been laying low in

Haiti) is present, she graces the film.

"Wakanda Forever" is overlong, a little

unwieldy and somewhat mystifyingly steers

toward a climax on a barge in the middle of

the Atlantic. But Coogler's fluid command

of mixing intimacy with spectacle remains

gripping. He extends the rich detail and

non-binary complexity that distinguished

"Black Panther" in sometimes awkward but

often thrilling ways. "Wakanda Forever,"

grappling in the aftermath of loss, ultimately

seeks something rare in the battle-

ready superhero landscape: Peace.

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," a

Walt Disney Co. release, is rated PG-13 by

the Motion Picture Association of America

for sequences of strong violence, action and

some language. Running time: 161 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

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9 Broadway was sold to Xu, Weiliang by Muchemore, Isaac and Muchemore, Breanne for \$960,000 on 10/25/22

46-48 Chestnut St was sold to Patel, Niles K and Patel, Tushar by Wilde, Lorin F for \$863,000 on 10/27/22

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23 Landers Rd was sold to Gwyther, Janessa and Gwyther, Patrick by Maitino, Domenic A and Maitino, Kathleen M for \$1,400,000 on 10/24/22

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15 Marble St was sold to Pham, William and Pham, Phuong by Wentzell, Michael and Wentzell, Daphne for \$599,000 on 10/27/22

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93 North St was sold to Hughes, Rebecca by Melanson, John and Melanson, Patrice for \$550,000 on 10/21/22

300 Park Terrace Dr #357 was sold to Henriquez, Kevin and Fernandez, Adriana by Menon, Govind and Shahani, Jyoti for \$420,000 on 10/25/22

36 Pleasant St #A was sold to Lapenta, Mirko and Conge, Christine R by Williams, Mary for \$740,000 on 10/31/22

TEWKSBURY

502 River Rd was sold to Blair, Michael and Trust, Monica by Caso, Michelle and Caso, Andrea L for \$745,000 on 10/19/22

60 Shandell Dr was sold to Balcom, Ryan and Balcom, Amanda by Sganga LT and Sganga, Mario for \$700,000 on 10/14/22

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51 Quail Run #51 was sold to Haslam, Jeffrey by Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr for \$375,500 on 10/18/22

29 Brentwood Rd was sold to Whalen, Brendan and Whalen, Michelle by Quaglia FT by Quaglia, Steven E for \$595,000 on 10/27/22

Brown St was sold to Rosenwald, Jesse F and Bosworth, Jessica C by Groom Barbara J Est and Groom 3rd, Francis W for \$495,000 on 10/31/22

269 Chandler St was sold to Huang, Carolyn J by EJR Homes Inc for \$570,000 on 10/21/22

505 Chandler St was sold to Shrestha, Amit and Shrestha, Roshani by Gen 4 Builders LLC for \$925,000 on 10/21/22

16 Charme Rd was sold to Chabak, Andrew R and Chabak, Nicole A by Chabak, Mark J for \$389,900 on 10/20/22

38 Coolidge St was sold to Price, Michael D and Crevier-Price, Renee by Riley, Frances E for \$499,900 on 10/27/22

9 Eagle Dr #9 was sold to Linszner, Mark O and Linszner, Judith A by Spirito Sr William A Est and Murphy, Nancy A for \$410,000 on 10/27/22

1107 Emerald Ct #1107 was sold to Lee, Stanley S and Lee, Cynthia M by Caruso Roberta A Est and Gilgun, Kimberly A for \$490,000 on 10/20/22

10 Independence Ave was sold to Hoxha, Bledi and Hoxha, Jonida by Omaley, Erin for \$500,000 on 10/21/22

55 Kearsage St was sold to Wildartson LLC by Janice Eleanor L Est and Sockey, Patricia for \$590,000 on 10/20/22

10 Oregon Rd was sold to Rosenwald, Jesse F and Bosworth, Jessica C by Groom Barbara J Est and Groom 3rd, Francis W for \$495,000 on 10/31/22

51 Quail Run #51 was sold to Haslam, Jeffrey by Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr for \$375,500 on 10/18/22

4 Sharon St was sold to Mercer Sr, John C and Mercer, Lisa A by CD 4 Sharon Street RT and Cedarwood Dev LLC Tr for \$520,000 on 10/25/22

WAKEFIELD

138 Salem St #3 was sold to Sliney, Taylor and Moran, Joseph by 138 Salem Street LLC for \$406,000 on 10/18/22

184 Water St was sold to One Sylvan LLC by Sauca Jr, Frank J and Sauca, Marie K for \$525,000 on 10/14/22

266 Albion St #5 was sold to Simard, Michael by WPL RT and Lovett, Edward T for \$247,000 on 10/28/22

37 Avon St was sold to Davidson, Lisa and Slane Jr, Darrell K by Bergeron, Keith X and Bergeron, Alexis J for \$915,000 on 10/27/22

29 Emerson St was sold to Clancy, James M by 29 Emerson Street LLC for \$760,000 on 10/21/22

2 Flanders Ln was sold to Hill, Erin by Michaud, Warren M and Michaud, Lisa M for \$1,740,000 on 10/28/22

54 Flint St was sold to Upton, Sean P and Lemus-Herrera, Rosa E by A Y Scott T and Scott, James M for \$652,500 on 10/21/22

150 Greenwood St was sold to Vasques, Derek J and Cullinane, Christine J by FHLM for \$545,000 on 10/27/22

29 Karen Rd was sold to Brooks, Thomas and Brooks, Cheryl by R&J Guarino RET and Guarino, Richard J for \$655,000 on 10/28/22

55 North St was sold to Canillas, Marc A and Ballard, Jana L by Doyle, Thomas J for \$600,000 on 10/24/22

4 Poplar St was sold to Catatao, Luis F and Catatao, Dora by Hoffman, Joshua and Hoffman, Bryan for \$1,500,000 on 10/28/22

15 Strout Ave was sold to Serei, Jennifer and Serei, Narath by Holden, Eric and Holden, Samantha for \$652,000 on 10/26/22

4 Summer St was sold to Shehod, Abir by Minahan, Marcia for \$715,000 on 10/26/22

13 Townpath Dr was sold to Felix, Ricker-son and Chasse, Jacqueline by G&M Holland RET and Holland Jr, Gerald J for \$930,000 on 10/26/22

WILMINGTON

20 Beacon St was sold to Sheppard, Cody I and Blasile, Ashley M by Venuto, Charles and Venuto, Dawne for \$660,000 on 10/24/22

53 Boutwell St was sold to Snyder, Katherine A Quinlan, Sean M by McMahan, Lauren M and McMahan, John D for \$710,000 on 10/24/22

214 Burlington Ave was sold to Premier, Rose by Foley, Michael and Foley, Lynn N for \$565,000 on 10/28/22

15 Church St #103 was sold to Unit 103 15 Church St RT and Riley, Frances E by Larf-farello, Matthew A for \$440,000 on 10/27/22

5 Cleveland Ave was sold to Flagstone Rlty Group Inc by Parent, Matthew E for \$445,000 on 10/20/22

24 Columbia St was sold to Mccue, Shamus W and Flaherty, Nora for \$400,000 on 10/25/22

3 Elwood Rd was sold to Braga, Jonathan N and Braga, Dara G by Lagomarsino, Yvonne for \$660,000 on 10/27/22

32 Faulkner Ave was sold to Philbrick, Michelle and Villatoro, Christopher by Cleary, Paul and Cleary, Laura for \$685,000 on 10/27/22

6 Hobson Ave was sold to McMahan, John and McMahan, Lauren by Tummino, Peter P and Tummino, Maria N for \$787,500 on 10/24/22

11 Loumac Rd was sold to Rowley, Vanessa P by Willett-Peluso, Leanne C for \$795,000 on 10/31/22

184 Main St was sold to Nicoli, Armando by Chan, Anita and Chan, Sherina for \$580,000 on 10/21/22

520 Main St #2 was sold to Gmaj Properties LLC by MLJ LLC for \$1,700,000 on 10/21/22

16 Manning St was sold to Robinson-Adams, Maureen by Gundersen FT Gundersen, Karl S for \$610,000 on 10/24/22

132 Marion St was sold to Fonseca, John C and Fonseca, Julian M by Campbell, William J and Campbell, Karen E for \$1,230,000 on 10/21/22

55 North St was sold to Canillas, Marc A and Ballard, Jana L by Doyle, Thomas J for \$600,000 on 10/24/22

4 Poplar St was sold to Catatao, Luis F and Catatao, Dora by Hoffman, Joshua and Hoffman, Bryan for \$1,500,000 on 10/28/22

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13 Townpath Dr was sold to Felix, Ricker-son and Chasse, Jacqueline by G&M Holland RET and Holland Jr, Gerald J for \$930,000 on 10/26/22

15 Dix St #10 was sold to Powers Jr, Robert W and Powers, Brenda C by Thomas J Hirschfeld RET and Hirschfeld, Thomas J for \$1,490,000 on 10/21/22

33 Fells Rd was sold to Lee, Senghwan J by Larson, Spencer H and Larson, Katherine C for \$1,430,000 on 10/27/22

88 Forest St was sold to Yadav, Tribhuwan and Yadav, Gayatri by Marquis, Paul T for \$810,000 on 10/28/22

4 Sargent Rd was sold to Rasley, Carolyn and Travaline, Michael by Capachietti, Jude for \$1,300,000 on 10/21/22

5 Squire Rd was sold to Zhang, Ke and Yang, Bo by Scarpellini, James M and Broyer, Pascaline for \$1,805,000 on 10/24/22

56 Swanton St was sold to Apodaca, Dominic and Apodaca, Dedra by Daweser,

Rekha and Daweser, Santosh K for \$850,000 on 10/21/22

200 Swanton St #727 was sold to Ling-Zheng, Ling by Frank J Clare 3rd RET and Clare 3rd, Frank J for \$300,000 on 10/26/22

25 York Rd was sold to Michael Harsch RET and Marsch, Michael by Sheehan Phyllis L Es and Bucklew, Janet for \$1,100,000 on 10/14/22

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99 Main St was sold to Wantman, Amber and Lasso, Marcos by Peterson, David and Cetrone, Margaret C for \$639,000 on 10/17/22

28 Sheridan St was sold to 28 Sheridan Street RT and Benoit, David C by Mcmanus, Edward F and Mcmanus, Veronica L for \$966,000 on 10/14/22

42 Warren Ave #A was sold to Dandekar, Vineet and Jadhav, Juilee by 42 Warren Avenue LLC for \$1,100,000 on 10/18/22

29 Arlington Rd #36 was sold to Mello, Gregory R and Mello, Joseph R by Dunn, Bryan M and Sodergren, Julie A for \$365,000 on 10/28/22

10 Beacon St #303 was sold to Hanson, Kathryn by Felch, Laura for \$287,000 on 10/27/22

3 Carl Forester Ln was sold to Kim, Dong-shin and Kim, Grace S by Joly, Nathalie and Joly, Philippe for \$1,060,000 on 10/20/22

1 Cassidy Dr was sold to Doherty, Timothy and Tremlett, Morgan by Blue Oak Development LLC for \$650,000 on 10/21/22

24 Center St was sold to Smith, Brian and Montes-Berueta, Daniela by Petrov, Victor for \$650,000 on 10/25/22

15 Columbus Rd was sold to Johnson, Victoria M and Bellanti, Anthony S by Cafiero FT and Cafiero, George R for \$565,000 on 10/21/22

35 Garden St was sold to Fawcett, Caroline H by Smith, Alexander Z and McCarthy, Colleen E for \$585,900 on 10/25/22

66 Harrison Ave was sold to Yang, Xiaowen and Chen, Xin by Rita M Wade RET and Wade Jr, James F for \$510,000 on 10/27/22

3 Hiawatha Rd was sold to Lesses, Mark F and Lutz, Joanne by Spierto, Michael V and Dooley, Carolyn J for \$535,000 on 10/26/22

55 High St was sold to Tapp, Jason M and Tapp, Nicol by Lally, William P and Lally, Jeanne M for \$619,000 on 10/26/22

8 Hight Ave was sold to Dunn, Bryan M and Sodergren, Julie A by Grigg Kenneth N Est and Elliott, Maryann G for \$635,000 on 10/31/22

46 Leonard St was sold to McNamara, Meghan E by Kryskow, Adam P and Kryskow, Nicole for \$614,900 on 10/26/22

45 Merrimac St #6B was sold to 45 Merrimac St Woburn LLC by Mary Ellen Crawford RET and Crawford, Mary E for \$355,000 on 10/31/22

Objectives created for school improvement plan

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the advisory block is being improved as they go.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson asked about the communication plan and the proposed newsletter in terms of consistency and expectation. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand said that this would be an opportunity to carefully consider the appropriate structure. Bryson added that in her opinion she had seen more transparency from the middle school.

Brand jumped in to say that Quirk and Gendron had been working closely together and that the advisory councils were putting in lots of effort to improve the schools.

Gendron took the time to announce that previous Social Studies Curriculum Team Leader Mark Staffier was joining them as the new assistant principal.

Gendron provided context that a school improvement plan had been made by former principal Linda

Peters out of the recommendations from the NEASC visit last year. They then created three objectives around student learning, social-emotional learning, and a culture of inclusion. They began the curriculum mapping work, a review of the schedule, and active learning strategizing toward the first objective.

For social-emotional learning, they would be incorporating seminars and creating a process for another avenue after unsuc-

cessful interventions. Regarding the culture of inclusion, they'd be expanding the vision of the graduate by incorporating a senior exploration project and the vision of the graduate portfolio.

Byrnes wondered why they needed another referral process following failed interventions, when all the first interventions also had a referral process. Gendron explained that the process will roll up from one tier to the next.

One item Plowman said

that she appreciated was the use of a system to track students accessing counseling services, especially when they switch schools. Gendron mentioned that they created a process for scheduled appointments but were now working on the drop-in or on-demand appointments.

David Ragsdale asked what they were looking for in the review of grading practices and the schedule. Gendron answered saying that they were considering grading for equi-

ty and whether it was being implemented across all classrooms. Staffier added that the schedule review had just begun, but they'd start by considering what works and what doesn't.

Bryson noted that she as a parent had seen positive improvement in her high school junior from the W2 block. She also asked Gendron to clarify where school dropoff is supposed to be. Gendron replied that it's intended to be at the front door.

Community partnerships key

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board members shared some of their recent efforts on behalf of students and staff at the Woburn Street School and North Intermediate School. The group said that their goals are to support student teacher requests for classroom item improvements, support students by sponsoring enrichment activities, and provide activities that will foster community.

The group has spent over \$5,000 so far this year on events, contributing to field trips, and donations to teachers. One main event they put on was a Trunk or Treat Halloween event on the Swain Green where

they collected 1,300 lbs. of candy from schools which was then distributed to attendees.

The event included pumpkin decorating, craft and tattoo tables, and food sold from AJ's Pizza. They also completed their plans to stock the teachers' lounges and pay for student folders, and they had an apparel sale ongoing at the time.

Some of their planned events for the rest of this school year include a social night in December, parents' night out, teachers' appreciation week, 5th grade yearbook and end of year party, and a kids' game night.

The members presenting invited anyone interested

to join their email list, Facebook group, events, or regular Zoom meetings.

Committee member Jay Samaha asked if they were coordinating at all with the Westside PAC. They responded explaining that their meeting times don't coincide with the Westside PAC, but they shared some of their ideas. They did mention that they have been coordinating with the Wildwood Street School PAC.

Jesse Fennelly and Brand both thanked the PAC representatives for their work and dedication.

"So much of success in educational communities is built upon partnerships in the community," said Brand.

Overall numbers decline but elementary enrollment up

ENROLLMENT FROM PAGE 1

gram review aiming to address the retention issues.

In public comments, two residents spoke up advocating for fair wages for the town's educational assistants. The first commenter, reading a statement on behalf of an educational assistant, named some of the critical duties that these employees have and asked the committee to let their wages reflect that the community cares about its teachers and staff.

The second mentioned that surrounding towns already began compensating educational assistants fairly, and that it felt like the degrading Wildwood and emphasis on a new town hall building are taking the town's money away from the educational assistants.

The other two commenters spoke to the needs to change school start times at the middle school and to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in schools.

Later, the superintendent gave a brief update

on the MSBA and current Wildwood work-around. He shared a memo with the committee containing the updates.

David Ragsdale commented that the MSBA process would be moving ahead with the new building once they select an OPM. He said that community involvement would be growing in the next phase.

"Over the next 24 months or so, an awful lot of activity will be front and center with the community," Brand said.

Plowman asked Brand to restate where they're at regarding the current Wildwood programs. Brand included that they were getting a better understanding of the recently emerged possibility of renovating the current building. However, the Wildwood Building Committee would need more time to review another option: utilizing the middle school instead.

He said they would hopefully have an update and a recommendation after Thanksgiving.

Plowman added that this temporary solution

with the middle school would be more conducive to the needs of the town's youngest students. The committee seemed to agree that grade reconfiguration would be more of a future item, certainly necessary as they think about the next building project, but not for this temporary solution.

Ragsdale also noted that even the middle school isn't necessarily suitable for these young students. Brand clarified for the community that even with enrollment decline, there isn't a single empty classroom in the district.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson thanked everyone involved for all the work that's gone into dealing with all of the Wildwood issues.

In subcommittee reports, Plowman shared that WEF had raised \$8,500 in their charity walk and that there is an upcoming SEPAC meeting on Dec. 15.

The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for Nov. 16.

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37 Terrace Hall Ave was sold to Dispensa, Christian by Busa, Katie and Busa, Matthew for \$697,500 on 10/14/22

24 Woodhill Rd was sold to Prasad FT and Prasad, Rajesh S by 59 Mott Street LLC for \$1,825,000 on 10/17/22

310 Cambridge St was sold to NY Cap Inv Grp LLC by Burlington Car Wash Inc for \$3,750,000 on 10/21/22

11 Demone Dr was sold to Dalleva FT and Dalleva, Mary by Chaffee Carpentry Inc for \$725,000 on 10/24/22

9 Julia Connors Dr was sold to Samani, Saleh R and Alahmadi, Yasaman J by Bedros, Sam G and Bedros, Elba I for \$830,000 on 10/28/22

28 Locust St was sold to Marcoux, Caitlyn N by Doherty, Thomas W for \$570,000 on 10/28/22

16 Peach Orchard Rd was sold to Pumphrey, Taryn and Pumphrey, Kevin by McCauley NT and McCauley, Maureen F for \$640,000 on 10/27/22

10 Princeton Rd was sold to Goel, Rakesh by 10 Princeton Road RT and Whitney, Robert E for \$646,800 on 10/21/22

9 Red Coat Ln was sold to Choi, John and Jang, Ji S by Glantz, Nolan H and Glantz, Lorie A for \$1,250,000 on 10/28/22

27 Richardson Rd #27 was sold to Chheda, Dipti and Saripella, Surya K by Frank, David and Frank, Donna for \$750,000 on 10/20/22

27 Wilmington Rd was sold to Johnson, Anneke and Herchenbach, Heath by Shirley, Matthew and Shirley, Michelle for \$590,000 on 10/26/22

24 Woodhill Rd was sold to Prasad FT and Prasad, Rajesh S by 59 Mott Street LLC for \$1,825,000 on 10/17/22

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111 Forest Hill Ave was sold to Sisco, Tracy by Safer, David for \$585,000 on 10/20/22

12 Hampton Ct was sold to 12 Hampton Court T and Pino, Maryrose by Pierce Road LLC for \$2,149,000 on 10/21/22

60 Pillings Pond Rd was sold to Tare, Nezaget and Veliu, Lindita L by Caruso FT and Caruso, Nancy for \$760,000 on 10/25/22

Walsh Rd was sold to Oakridge RT and Touchette, Michael by Fennell, Odette and

Fennell, Robert for \$600,000 on 10/26/22

6 Yorkshire Dr was sold to Quilty, Andrea and Quilty, Michael by 6 Yorkshire Drive RT and Korb, Mary J for \$1,400,000 on 10/28/22

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10 Carriage Rd was sold to Shahnaiyan, Elena and Shahnaiyan, Charles by Costa FT 1989 and Costa, Damian R for \$729,500 on 10/25/22

20 Cedar St was sold to Addonizio, Michael and Addonizio, Marina by Pruisken, Henry J for \$987,500 on 10/27/22

63 Central St #102 was sold to Irma Cogliandro FT and Cogliandro, Irma by Joan D Allan T and Hughes, Bonnie L for \$467,500 on 10/26/22

2 Greenbriar Dr #204 was sold to Skinner, Ronald H and Skinner, Coleen M by Xu, Xiaomei for \$340,000 on 10/28/22

3 Greenbriar Dr #101 was sold to Reynolds, Gerald J and Reynolds, Maura B by Wells, Michelle for \$337,000 on 10/31/22

5 Greenbriar Dr #205 was sold to Maguire-Costello, Margaret by Baek, Tina for \$305,000 on 10/26/22

284 Haverhill St was sold to Kanchev, Hristo by Shanmugam, Karthik and Karthik, Danielle for \$660,000 on 10/28/22

9 Magnolia St was sold to Capelo, Jerry by USA HUD for \$495,551 on 10/21/22

254 Main St was sold to Jog Realty LLC by LRC RT and Caplan, Lee R for \$1,425,000 on 10/31/22

51 Old Andover Rd was sold to Duong, Johnny and Feng-Duong, Kelly X by Home Sweet Hm Apt LLC for \$937,500 on 10/31/22

26 Orchard Dr was sold to Bees, Eri and Bees, Jessica by Newman, Michael A and Habib, Krystina M for \$770,000 on 10/24/22

21 Peter Rd was sold to Hulett, Joshua and Hulett, Jamie by Affordable Contractors for \$1,815,000 on 10/31/22

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60 Prospect St was sold to Furness, Ryan D and Furness, Leah by Mary R Tierney IRT and Tierney, L Leonard for \$1,710,000 on 10/17/22

52 Salem St was sold to Douyon-Noe, Sililia and Douyon, Flubert by Stroeble FT and Gruber, Sarah Z for \$725,000 on 10/17/22

57 Augustus Ct #2009 was sold to Tran, Joseph Q by Savarese, Nadia for \$430,000 on 10/20/22

10 Birch Rd was sold to Coughlin, Kevin

F and Coughlin, Jessica L by Saxena, Amit and Saxena, Juhu for \$807,000 on 10/21/22

7 Carnation Cir #A was sold to Chess, David and Vitko, Lacy by Carney, Kevin C and Mead, Caitlyn for \$569,900 on 10/26/22

54 Dana Rd was sold to 54 Dana Road CBC LLC by Venable, Brian L and Venable, Eileen L for \$545,000 on 10/20/22

118 Eaton St #2 was sold to Joshi, Pinak and Kamani, Haarika by Eaton Lakeview Dev LLC for \$853,700 on 10/28/22

118 Eaton St #8 was sold to Shultz, Kristina and Hill, Randy S by Eaton Lakeview Dev LLC for \$853,960 on 10/24/22

105 Gleason Rd was sold to Chittenden, Steven E by Cummings, Jane A and Cummings, Robert S for \$900,000 on 10/28/22

20 Glen Rd was sold to Cherry Properties LLC by Anzalone, Anthony F and Tentindo, Felicia for \$290,000 on 10/25/22

11 Joy Ln was sold to Shaw, Andrew and Shaw, Kathryn by Howard Street CBC LLC for \$1,500,000 on 10/31/22

15 Line Rd was sold to Kaur, Harpreet and Singh, Jorawar by Dawe Jr, John J and

Keatley, Debra D for \$435,000 on 10/21/22

911 Main St was sold to Kurkowski, Matthew and Corbin, Samuel by Mack Laura F Est and Mack, David L for \$630,000 on 10/27/22

968 Main St was sold to Golden Jr, Peter G and Golden, Elizabeth H by Dossantos, Christian T for \$792,500 on 10/24/22

3 Old Mill Ln was sold to Levin, Benjamin J and Cassell, Samantha J by Godsoe, Kristen A and Godsoe, Scott A for \$849,000 on 10/31/22

25 Pierce St #25 was sold to Vieno, John and Vieno, Abigail by Cerretani, James and Cerretani, Karen for \$555,000 on 10/27/22

180 Prescott St was sold to Razik, Roshan and Razik, Emily A by 12 Chestnut LLC for \$1,700,000 on 10/31/22

81 Salem St #81 was sold to Mora-Garzon, Jaime and Calderon-Trejos, Dioni by HCR Construction Inc for \$812,500 on 10/20/22

605 Summer Ave #3-37 was sold to Starikova, Lyuba by Audette, Marsha G for

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